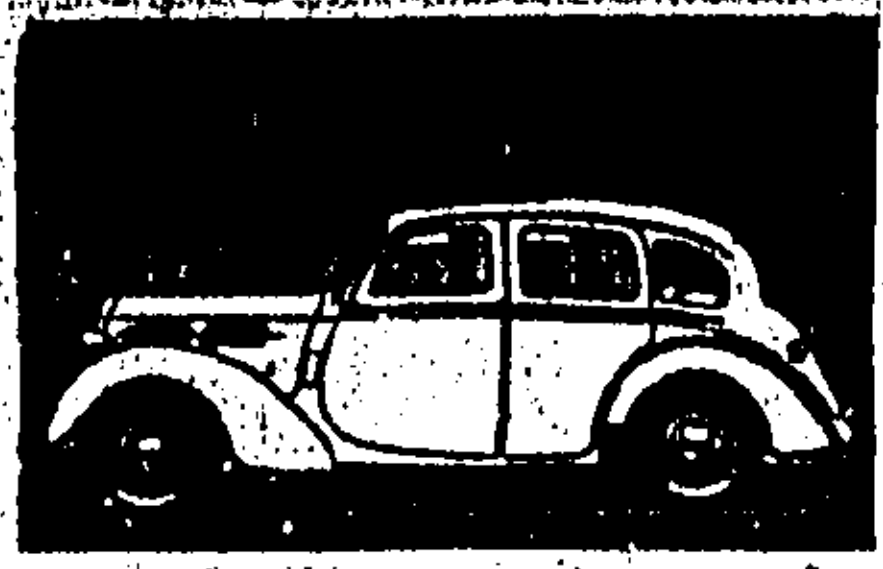


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Aircraft Production Shows 400 Per Cent. Increase Since 1938

LONDON, MAR. 9.
INTRODUCING THE AIR ESTIMATES, TOTALLING £205,000,000
IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY, SIR KINGSLEY WOOD,
THE AIR MINISTER, GRAPHICALLY ILLUSTRATED THE GROWTH
OF THE AIR FORCE.

He disclosed that the present figure was twelve times greater
than in any year from 1929 to 1934, and double the aggregate of
expenditure on the three defence services for the financial year of
1932-33.

A WORLD IN ARMS

	Planes (incl. line reserves)	Plane Production	Air Per- sonnel	Naval Tonnage	Standing Armies	Army Reserves
United States	2,000	4,000	40,000	1,620,000	175,000	300,000
Britain	2,500	4,000	40,000	1,560,000	175,000	300,000
France	2,200	3,000	30,000	785,000	700,000	600,000
Germany	1,000	10,000	200,000	465,000	1,000,000	5,000,000
Italy	2,200	3,000	120,000	1,000,000	1,000,000	5,000,000
Japan	2,500	3,000	50,000	1,170,000	1,250,000	3,000,000
Germany-Italy-Japan	13,000	19,000	310,000	2,255,000	2,550,000	14,500,000
Democracies	7,700	16,000	200,000	4,305,000	1,192,000	6,350,000
Russia	6,000	4,000	150,000	315,000	1,300,000	8,000,000

Figures in all countries are liable to sudden change, but this table, based on
the most reliable data, shows the position at beginning of 1939.

Air Force Reserve To Be Formed In Hongkong

HONGKONG CITIZENS are shortly to be asked to
enrol in a Volunteer Reserve of the Royal Air Force.

This reserve will probably be
distinct from the existing Air
Arm of the Hongkong Volunteer
Defence Corps.

Local residents will qualify as
volunteer reserves of the Royal
Air Force, and, as such, would be
called up in times of emergency.

Similar reserves are being formed
in Singapore and other Colonies.

It is believed that R.A.F. personnel
and planes in Hongkong will be
adequately strengthened before the
end of the current year, in conformity
with the Air Ministry's decision to
bring up the number of overseas
R.A.F. squadrons to 500.

Air Disaster Sequel

\$200,000 Suit Against Imperial Airways

NEW YORK, Mar. 9.
A SUIT claiming \$200,000 for
the loss of her husband in the
Cavalier flying-boat disaster on
January 21 has been filed against
Imperial Airways in the Federal
Court by Mrs. Katherine Miller,
of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Her husband, Donald Walter Miller,
one of the passengers on the flying-
boat, was drowned.
Compensation is also demanded by
Mrs. Miller, who was rescued, for the
loss of baggage valued at \$1,100.
Her lawyer declared: "The pur-
pose of the suit is to fix responsibility
for the accident."—Reuter.

Another Note For the W.P.B.

LONDON, Mar. 9.
Asked whether he was aware that
all British trade in Chefoo and
Wahaiwei was at a standstill owing
to the Japanese refusal to permit
cargoes to be exported unless fin-
anced through the Yokohama Specie
Bank, Mr. R. A. Butler replied in the
affirmative.
He added that the Foreign Secre-
tary was in communication with Sir
Robert Craigie, the British Am-
bassador to Tokyo, with regard to
the whole question of trade and ex-
change control measures introduced
into the North China ports.—Reuter.

NATIONAL SERVICE

480,000 Volunteers In Britain

LONDON, Mar. 9.
REPLYING to a query in the
House of Commons to-day, Mr.
Ernest Brown, Minister of
Labour, declared that so far
480,000 registrations had been
recorded as a result of the
voluntary service campaign.

It is generally commented here that
there is quite a discrepancy between
the figure given by the Minister of
Labour and that mentioned in a re-
cent broadcast speech by the Lord
Privy Seal, Sir John Anderson, who
declared that of the expected 1,500,-
000 volunteers, 1,200,000 had already
answered the call by registering.
Another question concerning the
present state of evacuation measures
for city children in the event of war
was answered by the Minister of
Health, Mr. Walter Elliot, who stated
that the number of offers received
from the country far exceeded the
number of lodgings required for
children in the case of emergency.
—Trans-Ocean.

Refugees In Prague

Thousands Remain In Disembled Country

Prague, Mar. 9.
According to an announcement by
the official refugee bureau, there are
150,000 persons registered as refugees
in Prague alone.
Of these, 10,000 are emigrants from
other countries, mainly Germany,
and 82,000 of them, or more than
half, are unemployed.
Statistics further reveal that in
Bohemia and Moravia only 50,000
refugees are receiving support, and in
Slovakia there are only 4,000 out of
a total of 12,000 refugees dependent
on the State.
Concerning emigration from
Czechoslovakia, an official an-
nouncement states that 8,000 persons,
nearly all Jews, had left the country
since October last.
In addition to 10,000 foreigners
who should not be allowed to make
a permanent residence in the coun-
try, there were 11,000 waiting for an
opportunity to leave Czechoslovakia.
—Trans-Ocean.

This year's increase of
£74,000,000 in the air
estimates equals the total
defence estimates for 1913.

The biggest single item is
£93,000,000 for aircraft and
balloons.

Thirty-five R.A.F. companies,
and an auxiliary territorial
service for women were being
formed.

INCREASED PERSONNEL

It was expected that the air force
programme would necessitate a
further 20,000 in personnel this year.
It was proposed to increase the
total personnel to 102,000.

Greater progress than anticipated
had been made in the deliveries of air
force engines, the construction of
stations and factories, and extension
of the balloon barrage scheme.

The appeal in June for 31,800
pilots, observers, airmen and boys
during the present financial year had
been excellent, and the figure was
passed last week (Cheers).

The quality of the recruits was
excellent.

RESERVE FORCES

The estimates included provision
for reserve flying and auxiliary forces.
Thirty-three centres had been formed
in urban areas, and it was hoped to
organise 20 more in the coming year.

It was decided to extend the
reserve flying and training organi-
sation overseas, and he hoped it
would be possible to form sections,
for example in Malaya, Hongkong,
and East Africa, to enable local
residents to qualify for the volun-
teer reserve.

Referring to the balloon defence
scheme, the Minister said that the
barrage in London could now be
operated should the occasion demand.
He hoped that all other barrages
throughout the country would be
completed by the end of the year.

The civil air guard had over 1,400
members, possessing flying licences,
and 3,800 undergoing flying training.
The standard of airmanship was
higher than ever before. By April 1,
the number of first-line aircraft at
Home would reach 1,750.

30 SQUADRONS OVERSEAS

There were now thirty squadrons
established overseas, and seven more
were to be formed in accordance with
the programme to increase the
overseas strength to 500 first-line
aircraft.

Referring to new aircraft, Sir
Kingsley Wood said that the
British bomber and fighter forces
were the best in the world.

They had not abandoned traditional
reliance on the value of counter-
offensive as an essential element of
strategy.

A powerful striking force was not
only a strong deterrent to attack, but
a vital component in any sound
system of air defence.

The developments of recent
years had reduced the supremacy
of the offensive, and had added to
the strength of the defensive in the
air, but that did not mean that they
could rely on defence alone.
All the eleven factories established
under the shadow scheme were now
operating.

Sir Kingsley Wood announced a
new development in the organisation
of aircraft production. Three of
four firms would be formed into a
group and orders placed for one
type of aircraft to be distributed
among this group, which facilitated
large-scale planning and ordering,
and would also reduce duplication
of effort.

It is also possible that the restric-
tion may have been imposed as a
precautionary measure to safeguard
consumers against unwarranted
speculation in connection with the
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INCREASED PRODUCTION

Production was proceeding on a
rapidly increasing basis. Britain was
now producing £250,000 daily on the
production of aircraft alone, and that
(Continued on Page 4.)

Death Was Cheated By Doctors



PHILADELPHIA DOCTORS have cheated Death.
Recently a young woman, twenty-two years old, was admitted
into Philadelphia General Hospital.

Doctors examined her and shook their heads gravely. They
found her suffering from one of the most dreaded scourges of
humanity—tuberculosis.

In hospital they examined her further, and were alarmed to
discover that she was to become a mother.

With every resource of modern medical science they fought to
save her life at least until her baby was born.

They failed.

In a last desperate effort they performed a post-mortem
Caesarean operation four minutes after the tragic mother had
breathed her last.

A living child was delivered. Death had reluctantly given
back a life for a life.

Boxer Indemnity

74 CONTRACTS FOR BRITISH MATERIAL

LONDON, Mar. 9.
THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Chinese Government
Purchasing Commission was held this afternoon in the Chinese
Embassy, when the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi
presided in the presence of Sir Ralph Wedgwood, Mr. A. R.
Guinness, Mr. C. A. McEuen, Lord Riverdale, and C. C.
Wang.

HINT OF NEW TAX

Bond Restrictions In England

LONDON, Mar. 9.

THE NEWS that official
notices have been sent to im-
porters restricting withdrawals
of ex-bond tea, sugar and tobacco,
is regarded in City circles as a
pre-Budget measure, but prom-
inent interests are of the
opinion that the notices do not
necessarily anticipate increased
taxation.

On the contrary, possibility of one
or other of these commodities coming
in for increased taxation is in no way
ruled out.

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TOTAL £5,266,783

Since the Commission began
operations in 1931, its purchases in
Britain total £5,266,783. Adminis-
trative expenses amounting to £48,439,
or 18s. 6d. for every £100. These
expenses were covered nearly four
times by investment profits.
At the close of the year the total
sum of £78,963 stood to the credit
of the Commission's current account
and fixed deposits.
The Commission was instrumental
during the past year in placing 43
Chinese students with British
engineering and shipbuilding firms
for practical training.—Reuter.

LOYALIST PLANES BOMBING MADRID

Rebellion Against Miaja's New Republican Government

MADRID, Mar. 9.
AIRCRAFT, ACTING under the orders of
General Miaja's junta, is constantly bombing the
rebels in the city.

Madrid's wireless station announced to-day that
motorised units were rapidly advancing on Madrid to
quell the Communist disturbances.

The rebels were offering little
resistance, and were constantly
deserting to the Junta's ranks.

All entrances to Madrid were
in the hands of the National
Defence Council's forces, and it
was expected that normal condi-
tions would be restored with
little delay.

It was announced that 1,400 Com-
munist prisoners were taken when the
headquarters surrendered last night.
—Reuter.

SEVERE FIGHTING IN CITY

Burgos, Mar. 9.
The Communists, whose uprising
against the National Defence Council
appeared on Wednesday evening, had
been crushed, took the offensive
again to-day, and by midday had
penetrated into the heart of the
city.

Severe fighting is said to be going
on in the neighbourhood of the
Mistral and the Hippodrome.

The Communists are said to have
occupied several public buildings, and
it is believed this turn of events is
due to the defection of a large part
of the Madrid garrison, which, it is
stated, has revolted against the
National Defence Council.

On the other hand, Republican
troops in the environs of the capital
are said to be supporters of General
Miaja.

The advance of the Communists in
Madrid was made simultaneously
with the systematic cutting off of the
roads leading from the capital.

The Communists this morning
occupied the villages of Vallejos, on
the road to Valencia, Canillejas, on
the road to Guadalajara, and Canilla
and Hortaliza on the road to Burgos,
thus forming a Communist ring
around Madrid.

CARABINIERI DESERT
After the desertion to the Com-
munist camp of the main body of the
Carabinieri Corps in Madrid,
General Miaja is said to have issued
orders for the recall to the capital of
troops from the Guadalajara sector.
The Communists have dug trenches
and erected barricades near Canillejas
in order to intercept these reinforce-
ments.

Other troops of General Miaja are
said to be marching on Madrid from
Valencia. Some of the troops are
reported to be already in firing dis-
tance of the capital, and to be
bombarding the Communist positions
in the immediate vicinity of the city.

Another report says that General
Franco has decided to hasten his
offensive against Madrid in view of
the growing chaos there.—Trans-
Ocean.

BLOCKADE OF COAST

LONDON, Mar. 9.
The British Government's attitude
to General Franco's blockade of the
Spanish coast on the Mediterranean
was outlined to-day by Viscount
Halifax when replying to the debate
on Spain in the House of Lords.

He said that the text of the note
announcing the blockade, of which
the Government had advised all Brit-
ish shipping, contained no indication
of any action against shipping out-
side territorial waters, and the
Government assumed that such
action was not contemplated.

He wished to make it plain that if
action was taken outside of terri-
torial waters, His Majesty's Govern-
ment would be obliged to resist such
action as had been done in the past.

SERIOUS MATTER

He must also make it perfectly
clear that the Government would re-
gard as a very serious matter the
sinking of a British merchantman
even within territorial waters,
especially if due warning had not
been given and adequate steps taken
for the safety of the crew.

His Majesty's ships had been in-
structed to give all necessary protec-
tion to vessels, which might be the
objects of such attacks and to re-
taliate even inside territorial waters
against any submarine taking such an
indiscreet action.—Reuter.

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Spring Fashions Snap From Paris

SKIRTS SHORTER—17 INCHES OFF THE GROUND

New Veils To Give You Glamour

PARIS. SKIRTS ARE OFFICIALLY SEVENTEEN INCHES FROM THE GROUND. SHOULDERS ARE WIDE, WAISTS NORMAL. This fashion flash from the Paris salons gives you a flying start with the new Spring styles.

The very smartest thing is a new coat style—a coat glove-fitting at the top, but with a swashbuckling Regency flare to the back. This coat is going to be a big success. It is immensely flattering to almost any figure.

The news about tailored suits is that jackets and skirts are divorced. The jackets are gay with checks, or stripes, while the skirts are plain—or vice versa.

Skirts have a new swagger to them. In place of pencil slims, the skirt cut on the bias with full hem-line.

An unpressed box pleat gives it even further jauntness.

YELLOW-FAVOURITE Whichever way you look at the new frocks you see gathers. There are gathers on the bosom, gathers at the waist, gathers on the hip-line.

Sometimes, a sleeve is gathered at the seam to give it a draped appearance.

Yellow is top-of-the-poll colour. There are big splashes of it for jackets, coats, or frocks, and the shades range from coolest lemon.

Pink and fuchsia are still popular, as are the blues, from sky to navy. Hues are more varied than ever.

They can be small or large, tip-tipped or worn right at the back of the head, with curls showing in front.

But one feature is common to nearly all the hats—gay veils of finely-woven, coloured mesh.

Sometimes they float behind, sometimes they stick up in perky bows, or again they are used mistily to veil the eyes.

These veils should lend you glamour this Spring.



Huge shale slab fell from the ceiling in the Black Diamond coal mine near Renton, Wash., and disclosed an event held secret for thousands of years. It showed that a prehistoric animal of some sort had passed that way and had left its birdlike footprint, 42 inches long by 30 inches wide. Superintendent W. J. Evans points to it.

Doctors "Broke" Her Neck

One of the most delicate operations of modern surgery has been performed by surgeons at the Royal Waterloo Hospital, S.E.1, on a 45-year-old Birmingham woman suffering from a tumour on the spinal cord.

It is the second time that such an operation has been carried out at the hospital. The patient in the previous case, a girl of 19, is now cured.

An official of the hospital said that to reach the tumour surgeons had to cut away part of the vertebrae near the nape of the neck.

An iron lung and other respiratory aids were kept ready, as the tumour was close to the part of the brain which controls breathing.

Mother Sacrifices Her Ear For Baby Son

LEEDS. BY sacrificing her ear, 27-years-old Mrs. Herbert Pannett, of Ripley-street, Leeds, has been able to ensure that, by a miracle of surgery, her two-years-old son, Barry, will be able to go through life undisfigured.

Her left ear has been grafted to the head of her son after Barry lost his in a road accident.

Recently Mrs. Pannett learned that after two further operations her son will have an almost perfect ear.

She said that her fair, bobbed hair will prevent anyone from noticing her loss.

DECIDED AT ONCE

"The surgeons at Leeds Infirmary asked if I would be willing to give an ear for the operation," said Mrs. Pannett. "I replied immediately that I would—but they told me to go home and think it over."

"I knew before I had really considered it again that I would be willing."

Doctors say that Barry will be able to hear normally, and Mrs. Pannett's hearing also will not be affected.

It is expected that Barry will be some months under treatment.

Young Boy Shows Judge

Fifteen-year-old Peter Ibbotson, of Callender Road, Catford, S.E., demonstrated to Mr. Justice Tucker in the King's Bench Division recently how to load and fire a toy pistol.

Peter was giving evidence in an action in which, suing through his father, Mr. Arthur Victor Ibbotson, he was claiming damages for personal injuries, caused, it is alleged, when the pistol jammed, and a blank cartridge exploded in his face.

The defendants, R. A. Harper and Co., of Central Parade, Catford, who sold the pistol, denied the allegations of negligence or breach of contract.

Mr. Justice Tucker, entering judg-

"Seal Coat Illness" Claim Fails

A WOMAN who complained that she contracted dermatitis after wearing a dyed seal-skin coat, and "swelling up like a balloon," brought an action in the King's Bench Division recently against the firm which supplied the skins for the coat.

Mr. Justice Atkinson ruled that there was no case to go to the jury and gave judgment for the defendants, with costs.

Mrs. Rebecca Berg, of Weston Avenue, N.W., had claimed damages against the Moscow Fur Trading Company—(London), Limited, of Queen Street, E.C., alleging negligence and breach of duty. The company denied liability.

CAUGHT IN THE RAIN

Mr. Tristram Beresford, K.C., for Mrs. Berg, said that in 1937 Mr. Berg, a West End furrier, bought some dyed seal-skins from the defendants and had them made into a coat for his wife.

Mrs. Berg was caught in the rain while wearing the coat and the collar got wet. Her neck and wrists began to irritate. The irritation became worse and later it was found that Mrs. Berg was suffering from acute dermatitis.

Mrs. Berg said: "I could not see, and I looked like a balloon."

Mr. Jack Charles Hill, manager of the company, said that their agents bought the dyed skins in the U.S.A. They were sold to Mr. Berg's firm without condition or warranty of any kind.

Mr. N. L. Macneil, K.C., for the defendants, submitted that Mrs. Berg's condition was due to the negligence of the man who bought the skins from the defendants, because he was warned that he took them at risk.

ment for defendants with costs, said there was no evidence that the pistol was defective.

EMPIRE NEWS

Rangoon. The police recently used tear gas against a riotous mob, which had attacked the car of the Police Commissioner, Mr. Reynolds.

The Commissioner, accompanied by Mr. Prescott, another officer, was going to the scene of a disturbance. Police were trying to disperse a crowd, including Buddhist priests and women, which was interfering with strike-breaking motor-buses.

The situation became so threatening that the police fired over the heads of the crowd. Nobody was injured, but nine suffered from the effects of the tear gas, and three were hurt in a baton charge.

The strikers now make no pretence of economic demands. They are parading the streets with the hammer and sickle, shouting revolutionary slogans.

NEW ZEALAND

DEFENCE MEASURES URGED

Auckland. Major-Gen. Sir Andrew Russell, who commanded the New Zealand Division in France, said the Dominion was not prepared for defence or attack. He appealed for compulsory training for a continuous three to six months so as to create a force capable of defence or for overseas.

He advocated the acquisition of submarines and contributions to one or two capital ships.

Fall in Imports.—During the first month under the system of licensed imports the Customs receipts in the four chief centres fell from £815,497 to £70,530.

INDIA

COTTON INDUSTRY ACTIVITY

Calcutta. "India is the world's second largest producer of cotton, and the role which this crop plays in the agricultural and national economy of the country cannot be over-estimated," says the annual report of the Indian Central Cotton Committee.

The year witnessed a great activity in the Indian mill industry, the season's total consumption of Indian cotton in mills reaching the peak figure of 2,993,839 bales of 400lb each, against 2,631,296 bales in 1936-37—including Burma up to March 31, 1937.

The fall in prices of cotton, coupled with Japan's preoccupation with the war in China, probably contributed to the increase, of which 62 per cent. was in the Bombay Presidency and 26 per cent. in Indian States.

SOUTH AFRICA

ENCOURAGING GAME RESERVE VISITORS

Cape Town. Huts with kitchenettes, paraffin stoves and spring mattresses are to be built at Skukuza, in the Kruger National Park, next season, as an experiment. Each will accommodate two people, and will provide a degree of comfort not hitherto available to visitors to the game reserve.

The National Parks Board is reluctant to make the Park accommodation too luxurious, but these experimental huts will go some way towards meeting the wishes of a large body of tourists who desire better accommodation than at present exists.

BRITISH GUIANA

CHURCHES CONDEMN HOUSING

Georgetown. The Ministers' "fraternal memorandum" to the Royal Commission, which the heads of the Scots Methodist, Congregational, Salvation Army and Moravian denominations signed, was published recently. It states:

"Housing conditions are a disgrace to a civilized country. The labourer's present plight is a stain on Britain's fair name. The situation is not reconcilable with any doctrine of colonial trusteeship or profession of Christianity."

The Commission listened to an exposition by Mr. Crane, senior stipendiary and former legislator, on land settlement in British Guiana and the proposal for a tariff union for all West Indian colonies.

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AIR FLEETS TO FLY ON COAL

British Oil Sensation

BRITAIN'S air fleets of the future may fly on synthetic petrol, the product of Britain's semi-derelict coal-fields. Such is the possibility opened up by activities in the little mining village of Glenboig, Coatbridge, Glasgow.

Here, a demonstration plant is making synthetic oil from coal—at the rate of 200 gallons a day. The product is a crude oil which splits up into 50 per cent. lubricating oil.

The motor spirit with the addition of appropriate amounts of tetra ethyl lead, becomes an aeroplane spirit comparable with the highest grade, such as is used in the fastest military machines.

SIXPENCE A GALLON

The crude synthetic oil made by the demonstration plant at present costs 1d. a gallon. But it is claimed that once the process is working directly at the pit-heads, by collieries giving their entire output over to oil production, the cost per gallon will fall to at most 6d.

Motor spirit can be imported at 4½d. a gallon. The Government, however, guarantees a preference of 8d. a gallon to home-produced motor spirit and diesel oil.

This, on the comparatively low costs of the synthetic process, brings home production into the sphere of commercial enterprise.

Imported motor spirit stored for any prolonged period "gums" and may have to be refined again. Synthetic petrol does not "gum." Such a point has obvious military importance.

The demonstration plant is working on a new British process which, its sponsors say, may revolutionise the oil situation in this country.

RESCUING THE COALFIELDS

Recently it was discussed with its managing director, Mr. E. B. Whalley. He claims that there, at last, is an economical and efficient synthetic process, the development of which would mean rescuing the semi-derelict coalfields of Great Britain, which should henceforward be regarded as our chief sources of oil supply.

The Labour Party's report on "Oil from Coal" made a favourable comment on his process, recommending the erection of six plants.

Since then it has been improved by the introduction of a sulphur-resisting catalyst, and the semi-con-

mercial plant has been erected at the Bedlay Colliery, Glenboig.

Broadly, the position, as Whalley explains it, is this. There are three older methods of making oil from coal, all of which seem to have failed. High and low temperature carbonisation are too expensive. At Billingham, a big plant is working at temperatures and pressures that eat through steel like mice eating cheese.

The other process is the German Fischer and Tropsch process, in which certain British collieries have taken an interest.

This one is expensive, and even in Germany, the plant is now being used almost entirely for the production of chemicals, and edible and other uses. There seems no likelihood of its being used here.

By contrast, the synthetic oil process is simple. It works at a temperature of about 100 degrees centigrade, at pressures not much higher than that of the atmosphere.

Its raw material is coal—almost any sort of coal. In other processes metallurgical coke has been used. This has two disadvantages—one, that it is dear; the other that it uses up a valuable raw material.

The synthetic oil process saves costly expenses in grading, screening, and cleaning the coal. Coke made from dirty coal is good enough for its purpose.

SPECIAL PROPERTIES

From the rolls, ordinary blue water gas is obtained (not the purified water gas of other processes). This is converted into a crude oil, which is then refined as indicated above.

Special properties are claimed for the lubricating oil. It has a great temperature range—that is, it is suitable for use in aeroplanes, which fly in a few minutes from a temperate zone near the ground to a frigid zone in the upper air.

Crude synthetic oil need not be made into motor spirit, but can be cracked up into a number of valuable solvents, waxes, and other products.

But the importance of the motor spirit, which can be turned into aeroplane spirit, is obvious.

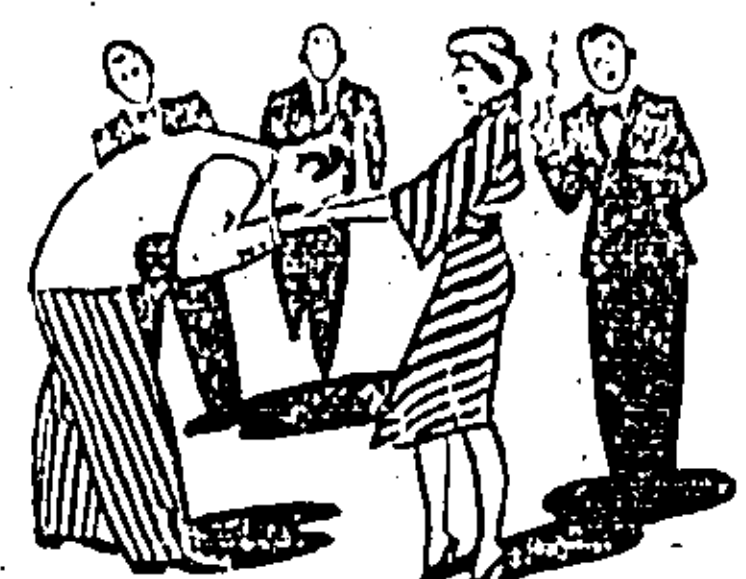
It is hard to find out, said Mr. Whalley, "what the Government pays for its 'octane 88' petrol. Presumably, it pays no duty. Even so, I have been told that it pays 3s. 6d. a gallon. If it paid only 1s. 6d. a gallon, that would give a price well inside our scope."

"We don't want only from military use," said Mr. Whalley. "What is necessary is that for normal peace-time needs our coalfields should be regarded as all sources."

Compared with 1913, British coal output is down by 45 million tons. This would convert into 1,500,000 tons. Experts believe it would take years before coal could be converted on this scale. But it is argued that this only makes a stronger case for beginning the job soon.

Auto Thefts

Toledo, O. City police reported a 30 per cent. reduction in automobile thefts during 1938, compared with 1937. Last year 763 cars were stolen and all except 22 were recovered.



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Car Bandits Made P.C. Leap For Life

POLICE were recently searching for bandits who raided three houses near Worplesdon (Surrey) golf club and broke through a police cordon in a stolen car, nearly knocking down an officer.

Motorists on all main roads from Woking to London and the coast were stopped and questioned.

DROVE AT P.C.

P. C. Spriggs, who was guarding Black Horse Lane, attempted to stop a small saloon car.

The driver drove straight at the officer, who had to jump aside to avoid being knocked down.

In falling he managed to obtain the number of the car, which was later reported stolen from the garage of Mr. B. Jobling, of The Gate House Worplesdon Hill.

When, shortly after midday, the car was found abandoned in a by-road near Guildford with some of the stolen property in it, the police cordon was withdrawn.

The cordon, for which police on duty were reinforced by others called from their beds, was hurriedly drawn when Captain Charles Napier Ambrose, of Bracken Lodge, Worplesdon Hill, reported that his house had been broken into. Silver and jewellery were stolen.

Wasp Stings Nearly Fatal

Stimbury, Conn. James P. Curtis is allergic to wasps and when one stung him he almost died. Doctors worked over him for five hours and administered adrenalin before they could restore him to consciousness.

STRIKE CAUSES SORE FEET



Strike for increased wages by more than 4,000 elevator operators in New York City tied up hundreds of buildings, particularly in the fur and garment centres, and prevented more than 100,000 employees from going to work. Above, Jeanne Gregory, left, her sister Irene, right, and Lillian Benson, clothes models, started to hike to the 36th floor.

NEW SOLDIER WEARS WIND SUIT, SKI TROUSERS, GAITERS

BRITAIN'S new Army-on-Wheels demonstrated its speed and hitting power on the plains of Aldershot recently to members of Parliament, and the new soldier paraded in battle order that would puzzle the veterans of 1914-18.

Mr. Hore-Belisha, the Minister of War, was not there himself—there was a Cabinet meeting—but he had commanded a showing of the Army's closest secrets, and 148 M.P.s ploughed through Aldershot's yellow mud to see them.

Among the weapons of destruction and terror, Mr. Majestic-Belisha put on show a magic carpet, fifty yards long. A few days ago a field was filled with heavy poison gas. A roll of this "carpet"—it looks like three thicknesses of paper—was laid across the field, and 1,000 men walked across it without getting their Army boots burned or contaminated.

The men in gas-masks who stood beside the carpet wore yellow cuffs over their oilskins. These cuffs would have changed colour if a trace of poison gas had come over on the cold wind.

Yellow discs were scattered on the ground. They were "gas detectors" too. That is a gas detection squad in the new Army.

Some of the smarter-bodied officers said they disliked the new battle dress for the foot soldier.

Gone are puttees. They give way to small ankle gaiters like those of the Marines. Brass buttons have given way to bakelite buttons.

The soldier will go into battle in a windproof suit, the close-fitting tunic buttoning into khaki trousers that would do well for sailing.

This uniform was in the experimental stage up to the crisis. Since then thousands have been issued. Army chemists are experimenting, and believe that soon they will be able to make the material gas-proof as well as windproof.

M.P.s climbed a hill and packed themselves into a stand with a wide view to get a glimpse of the new mechanised Army on the move.

Twelve scout-like armoured cars appeared in the mist a mile away. In less than two minutes, leaping over the rough ground, they were past the stand.

Of eleven different types of tank shown, seven are on the secret list. One, fast and heavily armoured, looks like a submarine. There is a short periscope through which the gunner in the round conning tower takes his sights, and the driver, safe from all non-piercing bullets, also looks into a periscope. This is an assault tank.

The commentator said: "It represents a new conception in design and construction considerably in advance of foreign countries."

All of the tank squadrons were commanded by radio. Thin, upright aerials waved from their shapes like the feelers of underwater monsters.

Special pride of the new Army is the latest anti-tank gun—lowed behind light dragons or tanks. It can fire from its wheels in an emergency, but normally fires from the central mounting, which gives an all-round traverse. Their thin, eighteen-inch long, shells will pierce the heaviest tank armour, then explode inside.

One of the new guns looks like a steel hose-pipe, and is claimed to be the best anti-aircraft piece in the world for dealing with low-flying airplanes.

It fires a 2-lb. shell that explodes if it touches a sheet of paper and explodes so completely that none of it falls to earth. The gun fires 120 of these a minute, and a sergeant said he could count on thirty-seven his out of fifty-five on a target tower at 100 m.p.h.

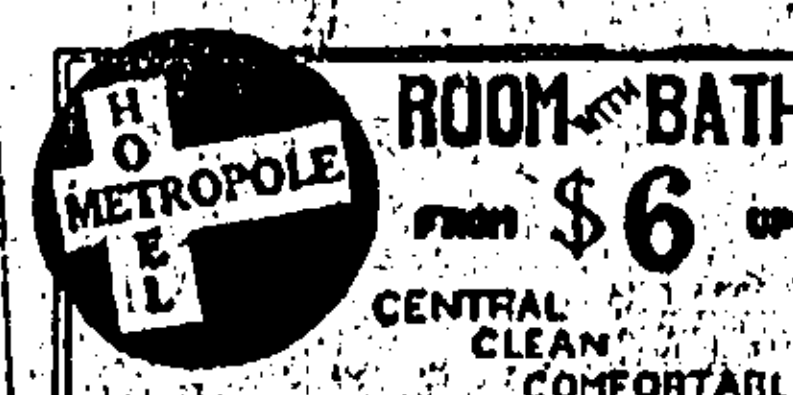
They said at Aldershot there is now no shortage of the famous Bren gun.



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CURRENCY RESTRICTION

Last-Minute Change In Japanese Plan

PEIPING, Mar. 9. A LAST-MINUTE change in the plan to make the old national currency illegal in North China as from March 11 was made today.

The "Provisional Government" has announced that from March 11, North China would be divided into two zones for currency purposes, a Federal Reserve zone and a "Bandit" zone.

The Federal Reserve zone is limited to eleven towns in Hopei, Shantung, Shansi, and Honan, including Peiping, Tientsin, Tsingtao, and Chefoo, in which people found carrying old currency would be liable to a fine and property confiscation after March 11.

The order says that circulation of the Federal Reserve currency would be extended to other places as the Japanese military operations extend.

RECORD R.A.F. ESTIMATES INTRODUCED: £250,000 A DAY

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figure would rise still further, added Sir Kingsley Wood.

The Air Minister recalled that in November he estimated that by next year aircraft output would show a 400 per cent. increase over May, 1938. He was now hopeful that the increase would be achieved by the end of the present year.

In conclusion, he emphasised that the estimates were unprecedented, but necessary, as they believed that to be one of the best means of preventing war. They looked forward to the time when reasonable and sane courses would prevail throughout the world.—Reuter.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Any person who had witnessed the accident which occurred on the 4th of this month at 3.15 p.m. in Nathan Road when a boy, 14 years of age, riding a bicycle was knocked down and killed by Lorry No. 6053 will please communicate with Mr. B. P. Nong of No. 168, Hai Tan Street, 1st floor, Shamshui, Kowloon.

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Notice to Shareholders

The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March, 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

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THE FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1939, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.

23 Committed At Old Bailey

London, Mar. 9. Twenty-two men and one girl were committed for trial at Old Bailey when they appeared today at the Bow Street court on charges under the Explosives Substances Act. Among the accused who were apprehended in London and various parts of the country, following recent bomb outrages, were 18 charged specially with conspiring to use explosives.—Reuter.

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 4123. Adjoining Kowloon Island Lot No. 4037, Tung Shi Road, Tai Kok Tsui.	N. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	As per sale plan.	About 5,104	\$36
					\$15,552

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No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Rural Building Lot No. 421. South of Rural Building Lot No. 383, Mount Cameron Road.	N. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	As per sale plan.	About 22,400	\$253
					\$2,068

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3	Adjoining Tin Hau Temple Road Lot No. 537, Tin Hau Temple Road.	N. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	As per sale plan.	About 6,100	\$112
					\$6,100

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at North Point, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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No. of Sale	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
4	Adjoining Island Lot No. 1378, North Point.	N. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	As per sale plan.	About 6,400	\$119
					\$5,903

British Trade Delegation Resumption Of Relations In Spain

LONDON, Mar. 9. DESPITE AN authoritative denial recently given of the British Government's intention to send a trade delegation to Spain, the foundation announced here to-day of an Anglo-Spanish Committee of Commerce is regarded as evidence that a determined effort will shortly be made to consolidate British economic influence in the peninsula.

The new committee consists of representatives of the Federation of British Industries, and of the British Chamber of Commerce in Spain. Its first object will be to examine the question of the Spanish commercial debts in Great Britain, and to study the possibilities of developing future economic relations between the two countries. British industry is particularly anxious to send finished goods such as locomotives, textile machinery and railway accessories, motor lorries and motor cars to Spain. An increase in British coal exports is also envisaged. It is stated that the new committee will shortly present to the British Government certain proposals in the interest of the furtherance of British trade with Spain.—Trans-Ocean.

U.S. Credits For Brazil

Close Economic Collaboration

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9. AN EXCHANGE of notes calling for close economic collaboration has been made between the United States and Brazil, signed by Mr. Cordell Hull and Senor Aranha.

The two countries agree in freeing the Brazilian exchange market for commerce from the United States, the establishment of a Brazilian National Bank, and the resumption of payments of Brazil's dollar debts. The United States exports and imports, Bank will extend credits not exceeding \$10,000,000 to the Bank of Brazil to enable the Brazilian Government to discontinue official control over foreign exchange operations. At the same time, the State Department announced that President Roosevelt would recommend that Congress place at Brazil's disposal gold up to \$50,000,000 to serve as assets for the Central Reserve Bank which Brazil was creating. The amount drawn upon would be from Brazil's future production of gold.

Senor Aranha announced that Brazil intended to resume payments on her dollar debts starting in July 1.—Reuter.

Appropriation Of Oil Wells

Negotiations In Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, Mar. 9.

MR. RICHBERG, representative of foreign oil concerns in negotiations with President Cardenas regarding compensation for the expropriation of foreign oil property, made a statement to-day after a second conference with President Cardenas.

The statement reveals that the different methods of arriving at a solution of the expropriated oil fields in dispute were discussed.

Mr. Richberg will meet President Cardenas at 8 p.m. to-morrow, after meeting Senor Majera, the Mexican Ambassador to Washington to-morrow morning.

To-day's discussion was continued in the same amicable spirit, said Mr. Richberg, adding: "I feel that further progress was made."—Reuter.

HINT OF NEW TAX

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come when the population at large should be made to share the cost of the country's defences. Consideration of this kind may cause Sir John Simon to tax some of the more widely consumed commodities.

Ten circles are not unduly perturbed, expressing confidence that tea will not be chosen for additional taxation. Nevertheless, "Reuter" understands that a deputation from the Tea Buyers Association is at present endeavouring to clarify the position at a conference with the authorities.—Reuter.

London, Mar. 9.—Mr. Neville Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons to-day that the President of the Board of Trade would introduce the Cotton Re-Organisation Bill into the House next week, indicating that the Government was determined to re-organise the cotton trade and price-fixing. (Reuter.)

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FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE.

STOCKS: Barron's business index is down again, from 74.8 to 73.9. The Electric Automobile Company's January business was 188 per cent. over the corresponding month of last year. The stock closed at 35½. January paper board production was 20 per cent. over the same month of 1938, whilst unfilled orders have increased. The week's gain in earnings is above seasonal. Engineering construction awards are down sharply. The price of lead has been raised.

The Socony-Vacuum Corporation's 1938 earnings are estimated at between \$0.80 and \$0.90. The profits are at present below those of last year.

Brazilian bonds are up on President Roosevelt's recommendation to place \$50,000,000 worth of gold at the disposal of the Export and Import Bank of Brazil to extend credits in order to free the exchange market for commercial transactions.

Stock	Closing Price
Jones & Laughlin Steel, Pfd.	\$54½
Richfield Oil Corp.	9½
Safeway Stores	37½
Standard Oil of Calif.	28¾

RUBBER: A 10 per cent. increase in tyre shipments is indicated. This means that rubber manufacturers' earnings for the first-half of 1939 would equal the last-half of 1938.

COPPER: Chile approves a progressive copper export tax. We think that Kennecott issues are over-sold.

WHEAT: New lows were recorded in Liverpool and Winnipeg.

COTTON: Sales of textiles have increased and prices are higher.

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Shanghai	Conte Rosso	March 10.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 18th February).	Emp. of Japan	March 10.
Manila	Huda Marok	March 10.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	Kosima Maru	March 10.
Japan	Kutsang	March 10.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways" Direct Service—San Francisco	Pan American Airways Plane	March 10.
date, 1st March.	Taipei	March 10.
Australia and Manila	Tantalus	March 10.
Strait and Europe via Negapatam (Papers etc.)—London date, 9th February	Hakozaki Maru	March 11.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, 4th March.	Imperial Airways Plane	March 11.
Manila	Pres. Cleveland	March 11.
Calcutta and Straits	Yunnan	March 11.
Tientsin and Swatow	Taiyuan	March 12.
Shanghai and Swatow	Tibetnak	March 12.
Shanghai and Amoy	Glenogle	March 12.
Shanghai	Kaleyo Maru	March 13.
Calcutta and Straits	Sunara	March 14.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways" Direct Service—London date, 8th March.	Imperial Airways Plane	March 15.

OUTWARD MAILS

For	Per	Date and Time.
Saigon, Straits, Ceylon, India, East Kasima Maru	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Fri., Mar. 10.
and South Africa, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles, 11th April	Reg.	Mar. 10, 9.45 a.m.
Fort Bayard	Wing Wah	Fri., Mar. 10, 12.30 p.m.
Haliphong	Canton	Fri., Mar. 10, 12.30 p.m.
Swatow and Foochow	Haitan	Fri., Mar. 10, 3 p.m.
Brindisi—due Brindisi, 31st March	Conte Rosso	Fri., Mar. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Japan	Fri., Mar. 10, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Indo-China by the Air France Plane	the Air France Plane	Fri., Mar. 10.
"Air France Airways Direct Service."	K.P.O.	Mar. 10, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 10, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 10, 5 p.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 10, 7 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu, and U.S.A. by the "Pan-American Airways Direct Service" due San Francisco, 17th March.	Pan American Airways Plane	Fri., Mar. 10.
	K.P.O.	Mar. 10, 5.00 p.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 10, 5.30 p.m.
	G.P.O.	Mar. 10, 5.00 p.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 10, 7.30 a.m.

Saturday

Papers only for Straits	Talma	Sat., Mar. 11, 9.00 a.m.
Dahran	Tyndareus	Sat., Mar. 11, 9.30 a.m.
Parcels and Papers only for Calcutta	Kutsang	Sat., Mar. 11, 11 a.m.
	Parcels.	Mar. 11, 11 a.m.
	Papers.	Mar. 11, Noon.
Fort Bayard and Pakhoi	Sulyang	Sat., Mar. 11, Noon.
Formosa and Shanghai	Hakozaki Maru	Sat., Mar. 11, 1.30 p.m.
Haliphong	Wingsang	Sat., Mar. 11, 3 p.m.
Shantung	Shantung	Sat., Mar. 11, 3.30 p.m.
Manila	Emp. of Britain	Sat., Mar. 11, 4 p.m.
Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., C. and S. America and (Papers only for Canada) via San Francisco—due San Francisco, 30th March.	Pres. Cleveland	Sat., Mar. 11.
	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	Mar. 11, 3 p.m.
	Parcels	Mar. 11, 3.15 p.m.
	Reg.	Mar. 11, 5 p.m.

Sunday

Sandakan	Mausang	Sun., Mar. 12, 8.30 a.m.
Amoy	Chungking	Sun., Mar. 12, 9 a.m.
Foochow via Swatow	Holhow	Sun., Mar. 12, 9 a.m.
Swatow	Mingsung	Sun., Mar. 12, 9 a.m.

LOYALIST PLANES BOMBING MADRID

(Continued from Page 1.)

background to the former President's memoirs. It is said that much of the material is compromising evidence against the former Premier, Dr. Neguin and his close friends.—Trans-Ocean.

ULTIMATUM

London, Mar. 9. The Exchange, Lisbon correspondent reports from Burgos that General Franco has not received any offers of peace negotiations from Madrid. He is resolved, therefore, to order 300 Nationalist planes to fly over the city and drop ultimatum leaflets demanding that if Madrid is not surrendered immediately, violent bombardment of all places where Republicans are concentrated will be ordered.

carried out within 24 hours—United Press.

FRENCH REACTION

Paris, Mar. 9. Since France has recognised the Nationalist Government in Spain it is felt at the Quai d'Orsay that there is nothing to be said against the blockade of the Republic Spanish coast within Spanish waters by the Franco warships. However, there is cautious expression of opinion about such cases in which vessels sailing under foreign flags, for example French merchant steamers, which attempt to reach Republican ports and are sunk without warning by the Nationalist fleet. A report was circulated to-day that a French merchant steamer, loaded with foodstuffs, had been sunk on the Republic's coast by Nationalist warships. But official circles could not confirm the report.

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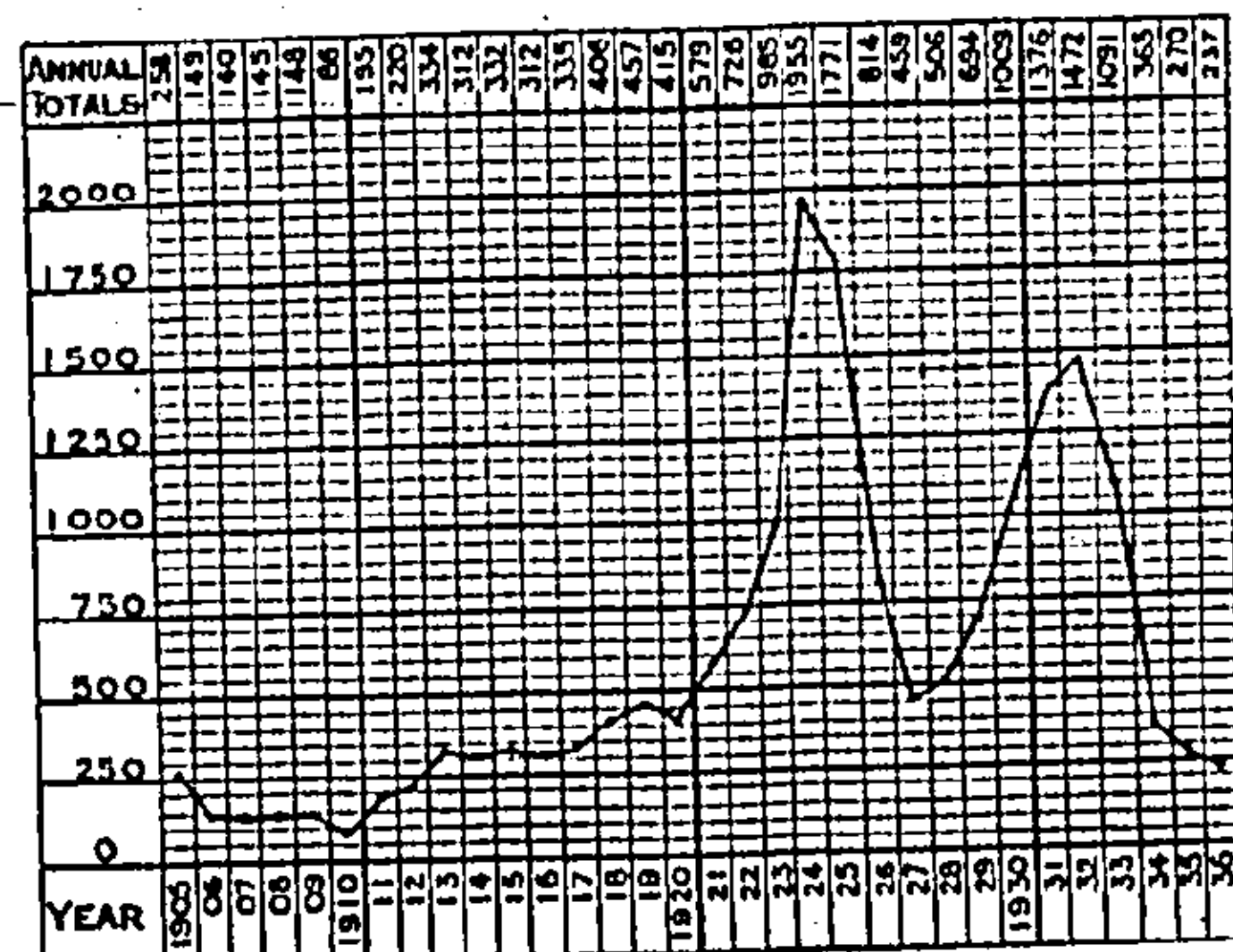


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Air Raids

THIS newspaper respectfully but firmly disagrees with a morning contemporary which attacks as ridiculous the Government's plans for mass evacuation of the population to the New Territories in the event of an emergency. The efficacy of evacuation has been proven beyond all doubt in Spain and in China.

An enemy is not going to waste expensive bombs on refugee camps when there are more fruitful objectives, and the parts of Hongkong that will suffer will be the overcrowded tenement areas on the island and mainland.

Since, as Wing Commander Steele-Perkins admits, there is no method of protecting these tenements from bombers, the obvious course is to empty them.

Our contemporary attacks the plan on the grounds that it cannot be carried into effect unless a fleet of liners is to be employed to convey the island population across the harbour, unless ample food kitchens are to be available at short notice, and unless an army of robots is to be trained to carry on the work of the Colony. We are in a position to reveal that a fleet—not of liners but of launches and other smaller ships—is available to carry civilians across the harbour at a moment's notice, and that plans have been prepared for over twelve months for setting up camps and food kitchens to care for refugees. Finally, the Government plans do not envisage a complete evacuation of population, but an evacuation of that part of the population not engaged in essential services.

We believe that, in following the examples of Spain and China in arranging for evacuation in times of emergency, the Government is acting wisely. But at the same time we intend to go on demanding deep shelters and tunnels as the only adequate method of protection for that considerable part of the population which will have to remain in the built-up areas. We know that they are expensive—so is everything connected with defence—but, cheap as human life is sometimes regarded in this part of the world, it is not so cheap that everything possible should not be done to protect it.

We would suggest that some of the refugees who are costing the Government thousands of dollars a day for maintenance could be employed in helping to make the Colony a safe place to live in in war-time. It has been said that there is no point in setting an unemployed man to dig a hole in the ground. Well, now there is a point, and an urgent one.

The Harvest

THE BRITISH guarantees for a loan of £10,000,000 by Hongkong and Chinese banks for the purpose of stabilising China's currency, coming so soon on top of the recent Anglo-American credits, indicates that the democracies are no longer prepared to take the Japanese policy of economic exclusion lying down. There is every indication, indeed, that the position in China is rapidly approaching a point that bodes ill for Japan's future grandeur. In addition to the already-announced aid from Britain and the United States, it seems possible that France will create large credits as a reply to Japan's action in invading Hainan Island, and there are also possibilities that Britain and America have by no means made their final gesture. Japan, in short, is beginning to reap the harvest of a rough-shod policy that has antagonised the nations that count.

MINORCA of the EAST

by
HARRY GREGSON

EMERGING FROM the mists like a giant tortoise with its head buried in the waves, avoided by large ships on account of its reputation for fog and sudden squalls, lies the little known island of Hainan, the occupation of which by the Japanese is a vital threat to British, French and American interests in the Far East.

Yet, although the interior of this mountainous and jungle-covered island, about the size of Belgium, is largely unexplored, it has claims to fame apart from its strategic situation.

IT HAS been referred to as "The Siberia of China," for to Hainan were banished exiles from the Chinese Empire. Among them was one of the earliest experimenters in Socialism Su Tung-Po, now the legendary hero of the inhabitants. Su Tung-Po lived during the reign of Emperor Shen-Tsung. His banishment followed differences with the Prime Minister. In three years, from 1098-1100, this early Socialist pioneer taught the people letters and court dialect and shrines to his memory are found at frequent points in the coastal districts.

In the matter of trial marriages, Hainan preceded the United States by centuries. When a youth casts his eyes on a girl whom he thinks might make a suitable wife, the parents build a bachelor house for their daughter. If the couple get on well together, they are married. If not, they part. It is claimed that marriages in Hainan are very successful.

HAINAN WAS known to Alexander Selkirk, hero of Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe," who called at Yu-Ling Kang, one of the main harbours, on his way home after his years of exile on San Juan Fernandez.

Hainan is also known to the British Navy, which has had many a hard fought encounter with pirates, who preyed on shipping from the rocky lairs of the dangerous coasts.

The existence of the island is first acknowledged in history by the Chinese in the years 245-210 B.C.

About 100 years afterwards, Lu-Po-Teh, the Chinese general, brought a huge force over in junks to subjugate the islanders. He found people totally different from the Chinese. Their eyes were not oblique, their skins were copper-coloured. They had high cheek bones, were almost beardless, and had long black straight hair.

Lu-Po-Teh's men used their swords against the bows and arrows of the aborigines, led by their top eared chief. When the island was conquered, the Chinese divided it into two main provinces—Tan-Urh (or Drooping Ear) in the south, and Chu Yai (or Pearl Shore) in the north.

TO-DAY three distinct races are found in Hainan. They are the Chinese immigrants, civilised aborigines, or Shu-Li, and the wild aborigines in the remote unexplored interior, known as Sheng-Li, totalling in all 2½ millions souls in a land about the size of Belgium.

Kublai Khan reconquered Hainan later, the inhabitants of which have always resisted, especially in the south, Chinese soldiery.

In 1630, a courageous Jesuit priest, Benoit de Mathos, went to the island. He found the natives with curious customs, many of which continue to-day.

"Dry" mourning is the fashion in Hainan. It is "not done" to cry at a funeral. Sorrow is displayed by swallowing huge quantities of raw meat, the coffin is a hollow tree trunk, and, after the body has been put in, the mourning procession is preceded by a native who strows eggs in its path. When an egg does not break, that is the burial spot.

Father de Mathos also found

blood feuds, which exist also plentifully to-day among the aborigines. Blood feuds descend from father to son. Revenge is a sacred duty.

There are numerous Christian graves on Hainan.

IN 1875 the island was ceded to Portugal, but the Portuguese returned it to China. An island, so frequently visited by earthquakes and with such a dangerous coast, was of little use to them.

Rice, cotton, sugar and indigo are cultivated along the coastal regions and in the north. The island is also noted for a very earthy-flavoured tea, which the inhabitants call "Celestial" tea, and its popular cattle, among them albino buffaloes.

It will be something new for the inhabitants to handle bags of cement for the Japanese. The invaders are reported to have conscripted all civilians and to have begun building large aerodromes.

A PERMANENT Japanese occupation of Hainan would constitute a permanent threat to Hongkong, French Indo-China and trade routes to Australia and the Far East.

Indeed, because of its strategic situation, it has been termed the "Minorca of the Far East," and like Minorca's Port Mahon, Hainan has an excellent naval harbour, Yu-Ling Kang, which was used by the Russian Imperial Fleet on its way to fight the Japanese fleet.

All the principal centres of French Indo-China are dominated completely from Hainan. It is only 260 miles from Hanoi, 480 from Saigon and 500 from the new French naval base of Camran Bay.

JAPANESE AIR bases on Hainan would bring Hongkong, Manila and Singapore within reach of bombers, while, as a submarine base, Hainan could scarcely be excelled for our Far Eastern trade routes.

So important is the island to the security of French Indo-China that China agreed with France in 1897 never to cede the island to a third Power. And Britain has repeatedly last year warned Japan that occupation of Hainan by Japanese forces could give rise to undesirable complications.

Hainan is the latest pawn in the Japanese effort to obtain non-intervention in China by the Western Powers. With a "Japanese" Hainan, Japan can

As They See It Abroad



"WHO GOES THERE?"

["Washington Post"]

CREDITS



TILLIE TAKES A LETTER

by
N. B. W.

THIS RAW AND misty morning Tillie, as she skims the broad and whitened steps of the V.B., has something of the aspect of a slightly enraged kitten, her rounded little chin sunk into the cosy depths of her fur, dark blue eyes smouldering. Tillie's maternal desire to scratch and bite has been fired by the appearance upon an already overburdened wall of another couple of glaring but plaintively worded entreaties from the management, the silkiness of which does not by any manner of means deceive:

"Will residents please . . ."

"Members are again reminded that . . ."

POSSIBLY TILLIE'S conscience pricks as regards the use of current (toast can be made by various clandestine methods). Anyhow, her equilibrium has been entirely unbalanced by a scrambled breakfast, itself necessitated by the customary nerve-exhaust-

more easily exert pressure on France to cease munitions traffic Tonkin-Yunnan railway between French Indo-China and China.

JAPAN HAS given an assurance, the sincerity of which is negated by outspoken statements by her military leaders, that the occupation of Hainan is not permanent.

But the fate of this Minorca the Far East seems likely to depend, like Minorca nearer Britain, on what effective action Britain and France, with possibly the United States, can take to remove a dire threat to their interests.

ing manoeuvring for a chance at a bathroom.

But she trips off, dangerously inalter to the needs of passing traffic, down the hill and off-wards.

Up in the lift she goes, with a pleasant "Good Morning" to the skinny little operator; even her temporarily feline mood softens before the wide and impish grin of the sloppily-uniformed little mannikin.

"Hullo, lassies and lads! Anybody here?"

"No, Til, Jimmie's not here and Ponto won't be—gone to Macao—ponies, I bet—can't be refugees." "Okel!" and she disappears into the attenuated dressingroom, flings off her outside gear, dabs a pert and upturned nose; and so to work.

Off with a clatter comes the cover of the Underwood, yesterday's dust is perfunctorily blown off.

She gazes disconsolately at the flimsy basket.

"Just as soon as I get these things spread out all over the place, somebody will want something you'll see."

"Well, they've got to be done. Let's do them together."

The two girls proceed amicably to sort their letters into order—inconsequently chattering—and this manoeuvre required a considerable average of elbowroom.

"There! I told you so, Doris, is it for you or for me? ME!"

"All right, Til, I'll set on with it and sear interferers away."

TILLIE SNATCHES notebook

and pencil, casts a glance into the diminutive wall-mirror, and trips into the interior of the well-found and comfortable office.

"Morning, Miss Harborough. Must set down to it to-day. Want to write to that chap Peterson?"

"John Peterson, Esq., R.N.?" "Oh! have you, are take his letter. John Peterson, Esq., Dear Sir, we are in receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, and note that you are unable to say note with regret please come to terms with the local Company full, stop paragraph."

"Time-a-line!"

"Hullo! Eddystone speaking. No, sorry can't be done. Sorry. Love to the Missus. What? Right—o."

"Where did we get to? Better read it, please."

Tillie does so, disentangling and diplomatically omitting the various interjections. She has been endeavouring to recall the pedantic admonition of the "efficiency" exercise—always sincere interested in the subject at hand" (is she expected to take an interest in these semi-confidential, family affairs?) "Don't stare vacantly out of a window when a hiatus occurs in the dictation!"

What is a girl to do?

"There! Um—Er . . . Company—come to terms with the local company with regard to the filling up of the new factory full stop. You will remember (that he doesn't) that the latest report stated—"

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GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Don't you find it awfully monotonous doing nothing in school all day?"

OVERNIGHT
NEWS PAGE

Spain

FRANCO'S
BLOCKADE
OF COAST

Burgos, Mar. 9.
An immediate blockade of the Mediterranean coast still controlled by the Republicans has been ordered by General Franco. Ships are warned not to enter the coast 40 miles west of Almeria and 30 miles west of Valencia. Nationalist submarines have been ordered to sink any vessel, irrespective of the colours flown, if it enters the three-mile limit.

It is reported that a French steamer was taken by Nationalist warships and taken to a Nationalist port.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

Blockade Not Lateral

London, Mar. 9.
British diplomatic quarters are not enthusiastic as regards the blockade of the Spanish coast. The general viewpoint is that official recognition of General Franco is not equivalent to giving him belligerent rights, and therefore the bombing or sinking of Republican Spanish ships would lead to new political complications in the Mediterranean.—*Trans-Ocean*.

KING ALFONSO DESIRES TO FOLLOW FRANCO

Paris, Mar. 9.
Ex-King Alfonso received a special reporter of the Paris newspaper *Le Jour* in Rome yesterday, and made the following declaration regarding his attitude towards the present developments in Spain:

"You ask me at this decisive moment in the history of our country to define anew by attitude. I am willing to do so, but my answer will perhaps disappoint certain people.

"It is more necessary now than ever before that all Spaniards rally to the chief who has led them to victory. I re-emphasise my desire to be regarded as a plain soldier under Franco, who obeys the commands of our nation. I repeat that when, following the termination of the civil war, the word soldier ceases to be timely, I wish to become a worker who co-operates with others under the directions of the leader in the re-awakening of my country. The future of Spain and the Spanish lies entirely in the hands of the leader."—*Trans-Ocean*.

Shanghai

DISPUTES
STILL NOT
SETTLED

Nanking, Mar. 9.
While endorsing the understanding concluded between the Japanese authorities and the Shanghai Municipal Council several days ago, a spokesman of the Reformed Government, in a statement on Wednesday, declared that there were still many problems left unsettled in the International Settlement.

The spokesman understood that the terms of the negotiations concluded between the Japanese authorities and the Municipal Council represented the minimum that could be accepted.

"There are still other problems outstanding including the increase of personnel in the machinery for maintaining peace and order, extradition of terrorist gangs, display of fire-buried flags, withdrawal of Chinese banks affiliated with the National Government, recovery of the legal tender, and reorganisation of anti-Japanese organs," the spokesman said.

"Unless all these problems have been completely settled, it can never be affirmed that an amicable settlement has been reached," he concluded.—*Domest*.

FEDERAL BANKNOTES

Peking, Mar. 9.
The Provisional Government on Wednesday issued a proclamation announcing the appointment of special districts for the exclusive circulation of Federal Reserve Bank notes and those "bandit-infested districts" which will be exempted from the exclusive circulation after the new currency scheme is enforced on March 11.

The districts appointed for the exclusive circulation of the Federal Reserve Bank notes include Peiping, Tientsin, Tangshan, Tsinan, Shihohai-chuang, Tangshan, Taiyuan, Yen-tai, Shanhaikwan, Linfen and Sinsiang.

With the progress of the "mopping-up" operations, the "bandit-infested districts" will also be gradually included in the F.R.B. zone.—*Domest*.

Foreign Exchange Sales

Peiping, Mar. 9.
Whether or not the Federal Bank will be willing to sell foreign exchange to finance imports depends upon the nature of the imports, according to the Japanese-controlled *Peiping Chronicle*, which states that the Federal Reserve Bank has prepared a list of import articles which must be supplied with exchange before others can enjoy the 17 yuan to the Pound Sterling rate.

Seniority turns out: first, military supplies; second, everyday necessities; third, development materials. There is good reason to believe that export exchange acquired by the Federal Reserve Bank will be totally absorbed by these three categories, and the general merchant must go to the open market for exchange.—*United Press*.

British Loan To China

REACTIONS ARE
FAVOURABLE, BUT
JAPAN MAY PROTEST

Interviewed on the London announcement of a Stabilisation Fund for the Chinese Currency, Mr. T. V. Soong, Chairman of the Bank of China, said:

"The stability of the Chinese dollar, which has been maintained since June last, has now been given a still stronger basis by the creation of a joint Stabilisation Fund by the Bank of China and Bank of Communications, and on the British side by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and the Chartered Bank.

"It will be recalled that on March 12, 1938, under circumstances that are well known, the Government issued a market exchange certificate for currency at official rates, and prescribing a procedure for the application and allotment of foreign exchange.

"Exchange rates in the open market at Shanghai continuously dropped, and by June that year, the dollar was quoted in the neighbourhood of 8 pence. At that point the Bank of China felt that the dollar was undervalued, and as the Chinese people possess an abiding confidence in their currency, the Bank would make determined efforts to absorb temporary shocks caused by unfavourable military and political developments the market could be held. The tacit consent of the Ministry of Finance was thus obtained for the operation, and with the unstinting support of friendly foreign interests and the other Chinese banks, the Bank of China started to stabilise the exchange market.

Expectations Justified

"Experience has shown that our expectations had been amply justified, and despite speculative raids caused by the successive fall of Kiangling, Canton and Hankow, the exchange market has been firmly maintained.

"The Bank was even able to re-purchase all the foreign exchange it had used for the support of the dollar, when the unceasing pressure on the exchange market followed any serious military reverse subsequently subsided.

"With China's balance of international payments no longer causing a drain on her foreign exchange reserves, the creation of a joint Stabilisation Fund by important Chinese and British interests to provide a cushion to absorb possible future shocks, and engaging resources many times greater than the Bank of China had so far employed, will be welcomed by all who are interested in the domestic and foreign trade of China as a factor in the stability of the Chinese currency that could hardly be over-estimated.—*Central News*.

JAPAN'S REACTION

Tokyo, Mar. 9.
Informed quarters expect that Japan will protest at Britain's stabilisation loan to China, and possibly intensify measures against Chinese currency in Central and South China in retaliation.

The Japanese expressed themselves as doubtful regarding the assurances Sir Robert Craigie, British Ambassador, is said to have given the Vice-Foreign Minister, Mr. Sawada, that economic and not political reasons motivated the loan.—*United Press*.

AMERICAN VIEWS

Washington, Mar. 9.
Official comments on Sir John Simon's announcement of the Chinese Stabilisation Fund are not available.

However, political circles have compared the British contribution with the recent United States \$25,000,000 credits to China.

They said the United States and Great Britain appeared to be taking parallel action to assist China financially.

It is assumed the Fund will be expended largely at the discretion of the Chinese, otherwise it would prove of little benefit.—*United Press*.

PRESS REACTION

London, Mar. 9.
The Government's decision to guarantee the Stabilisation Fund is welcome from all points of view, says the *Financial News*. For the traders in the Far East and for the British holders of Chinese bonds it is cheering news indeed.

After explaining that the Japanese can have no legitimate cause for complaint, the paper says, "One could wish the opposite were true. Not merely our own interests but common decency demand that we should support China against Japan's wanton and brutal aggression. So far only America has given any real assistance, and our own material contribution limited to a few hundred thousand pounds for purchase of lorries.

"Yesterday's move is the first constructive step the Government has seen fit to take, and it should not be allowed to rest until this country has done its utmost to help China."—*Reuter*.

News Chronicle's View

London, Mar. 9.
The *News Chronicle* states to-day that a stable Chinese dollar is vitally necessary in British financial and commercial interests. That was a

fore others can enjoy the 17 yuan to the Pound Sterling rate. Seniority turns out: first, military supplies; second, everyday necessities; third, development materials. There is good reason to believe that export exchange acquired by the Federal Reserve Bank will be totally absorbed by these three categories, and the general merchant must go to the open market for exchange.—*United Press*.

Gales In England

London, Mar. 9.
While London is basking in the sun to-day, a violent gale struck the west and north-west coast of England.

On the Humber nine members of a fishing trawler were killed when the ship was driven ashore.—*Reuter Bulletin*.

good reason for helping China, but it is not the best reason. Wider interests demand that Japan shall not be allowed to get away with her brutal assault on her neighbour, and one of the ways in which Britain can strengthen China's gallant resistance is by financial help. There should be more of it.—*Reuter*.

Times' Opinion

London, Mar. 9.
The *Times* in its City Notes states that the announcement of the £10,000,000 Stabilisation Fund for Chinese exchange would be very welcome in the city, especially in quarters interested from any point of view in China trade.

The Chinese Government all along has been greatly assisted by large purchases of silver by the American Treasury. Latterly the silver shipments have diminished, and it is generally believed that although there are adequate funds to support exchange for the time being, the foreign exchange silver reserves are not so ample as might be. The circumstances surrounding this Stabilisation Fund, though not perhaps an urgent necessity, is certainly a most welcome safeguard.

It is, moreover, satisfactory to find that the Chinese banks are able to place a large sum of sterling funds at disposal. The amount of the fund is large in relation to any demands likely to be made thereon, and it should be well within the power of the committee which will administer the fund in Shanghai to maintain stability of exchange or control the rate as desired.

The Japanese attempt to force Federal Reserve Bank currency in North China must be viewed with considerable concern, due to the possibility of a breakdown in the ordinary mechanism of North China's foreign trade, but this is little reason to think it is at present a serious problem for defence of the Chinese dollar.

The establishment and working of the Stabilisation Fund will be able to do with many financial measures which Japan has attempted in China, nor has this step been taken with any political purpose. It would certainly be difficult for the British Government to contemplate with equanimity the addition of serious exchange troubles to the already diminished Anglo-Chinese trade.

On strictly business grounds the support of Chinese currency is essentially a constructive policy.

There is no question of course of the provision of exchange credit being linked in any wise with the question of China debt service. At the same time it will clearly make the Chinese Government's position considerably easier, and accordingly it is permissible to hope that the Chinese authorities will at least offer something better than their recent bare statement that they could no longer advance money to the Customs for service of external loans.—*Reuter*.

General Welcome

London, Mar. 9.
All papers give prominence to the announcement of the Chinese currency support fund and the liveliest satisfaction is expressed without any dissentient voice. Both press and financial circles point out that one result may be to make impossible the Japanese scheme of banning the Chinese dollar in North China. In this connection it is learned that Chinese troops in North China were paid money sent from Chungking, which, despite the difficulties of the huge spaces to be covered, was regularly transmitted. Hence the Stabilisation Fund will help Chinese currency even in North China, as it were, by the back door.

Reuter learns on good authority that a small Chinese exchange equalisation fund operating in the past nine months has actually shown a profit on the transactions. Hence the new fund should in no wise be

Spelling Bee

HOW many of these words are correct and what is wrong with the others?

pomaranian, stringant, pontifical, pomranian, stringant, pontifical, pomranian, stringant, pontifical.

English Oxford Dictionary spelling of these words will be found on page 9.

Consul Leaving

Hanoi, Mar. 9.
M. L. Jankelevitch, outgoing French Consul at Hanoi, on Hainan Island, who has been replaced at Hanoi by Consul Siguret, arrived here on Wednesday aboard a French warship en route home. After staying here for a few days, Consul Jankelevitch will proceed to Paris.—*Domest*.

Japan-Manchukuo

Self-Sufficient
At End Of
Four-year Plan

Tokyo, Mar. 9.
Japan, Manchukuo and China will be self-sufficient in iron, steel, coal, light metals, zinc, soda, ammonium sulphate, pulp, railway materials and shipping when the four-year plan for the expansion of the productive capacity of industries is completed in 1941.

This statement was made by Mr. Kazuo Aoki, President of the National Planning Board, during the Budgetary Committee meeting of the House of Representatives on Wednesday when Mr. Yasujiro Tsudomura (Minato) raised a question regarding the productive capacity expansion plan.

Mr. Aoki said that with 1938 as the basis, the production of iron in the three countries would increase by 250 per cent. in 1941, steel by 60 per cent., special steel by 200 per cent., coal by 30 per cent., copper by 80 per cent., lead by 90 per cent., zinc by 70 per cent., natural oil by 30 per cent., synthetic oil by 3,000 per cent., pulp for paper by 20 per cent., pulp for rayon by 320 per cent., gold by 20 per cent., motor-cars by 500 per cent., raw wool by 340 per cent., locomotives by 20 per cent., passenger cars by 70 per cent., and freight cars by 50 per cent.—*Domest*.

JAPANESE PROJECT FOR NORTH CHINA

A final decision has been reached by the all-powerful official Japanese Asia Development Board for the establishment of a "North China Transportation Company," which will control all the important railways and motor-bus routes in North China under Japanese control, reports the *Nichi Nichi Shimbun*. The railways include the Tientsin-Pukow Railway and the Peiping-Pootow Railway.

The Company will be established under the Chinese system of incorporation and will be capitalised at Yen 300,000,000 in 6,000,000 shares at Yen 50 each.

The ratio of investment has been fixed as: North China Development Company (an official Japanese corporation), Yen 150,000,000 in kind; the Provincial Government, Yen 30,000,000 in face value, and the South Manchuria Railway Company, Yen 120,000,000 in face value.

As to cash payments by the Provisional Government and the Railway Company, the Company will call up about ¼ within the present financial year, which expires at the end of March, and ¼ more during the next financial year.

It has not yet been decided, however, whether the Lunghai Railway will be placed under the Company's control. At present this railway is under Japanese military control from Lianyungang, easternmost seaport of Kiangsu, to Kaifeng, the capital of Honan.

In line with this project, a plan for establishing a Central China Transportation Company will be drafted by the Asia Development Board, and when this firm has been established, it will be placed under control of the Central China Development Company. This concern is eventually likely to control the Lunghai Railway, the Tientsin-Pukow Railway south of Haichow and other railways in Central China.—*Reuter*.

NEXT C.B.A. DANCE

The Central British Association Cabaret Supper Dance which will take place in the Rose Room of the Peninsula Hotel on Thursday next, March 16, promises to provide several surprise items in the way of cabaret turns.

Miss Joyce Nash has promised to give some new material on her Hawaiian gown, and Mr. Gilchrist will bring his ever-popular illuminated club-swinging display.

Two other items have been arranged, but these are to remain a secret until the actual dance. One is believed to be the introduction to a new dance, at present all the rage in England, and the other the local debut of a new Jazz singer.

regarded as necessary to bolster up the sagging currency.

Before the announcement in Parliament the principal foreign governments had been informed of the British intentions. It is understood that the communication to Japan recalled Japan's previous statement that a stable Chinese dollar is in her interest.

The *Financial Times* states that London commercial circles attach importance to co-operation by all countries with trade interests in China to avert the threatened further dislocation of the China market, and close contact is being maintained between French and American traders. As evidence of this is the fact that a representative of the Paris Chamber of Commerce attended a meeting of the China section of the London Chamber of Commerce on Monday when measures for mutual protection of trading interests were discussed. There is general welcome for the idea of preventing further penetration of Japanese influence in China by financial assistance to the Chinese Government.—*Reuter*.

China

Camels And
Ponies Aid
The Chinese
In Warfare

Chungking, Mar. 9.
Chinese beasts of burden are doing their part to help the nation win the war against Japan.

From the Mongolian steppes in the north to the South China plains near Canton, Chinese horses, mules and donkeys are bearing the brunt of military transport in the Chinese armies on a thousand-mile-long front. It is they that drag artillery and bulky boxes of ammunition over difficult terrain. Many have fallen but many are taking up their places. Their usefulness to the Chinese defence units is only next to that of the cavalry mounts.

Performing a less spectacular but equally vital part are the ponies and camels on the northern plains and the sturdier and faster mules and horses in central and south-western China. They supplement the trucks on the international highways, carrying domestic products for foreign countries and bringing back munitions and machine parts.

For decades, camel or mule caravans travelled back and forth between north-western and south-western China and the neighbouring countries of Soviet Russia, French Indo-China and Burma. They have now been outpaced but not displaced by motor vehicles. Though slower, they are cheaper and surer. Until China has a larger fleet of heavy trucks at her disposal these pack animals will continue to play an important part in highway transportation.

Pack Animal Stations.

They are to-day transporting some of China's main exports, such as wool oil, bristles, silk, leather and minerals, to points on the north-western or south-western boundaries where the articles are transhipped to the adjacent foreign territories.

The Chinese Ministry of Communications is now working out a system of animal transport, which may be taken as a revival of the age-old "I Chan" or Chinese Government service of couriers. While the "I Chan" was only for transmitting dispatches, the new system will handle merchandise. Stations, where pack animals will be held in readiness to relay the transport, will be established. Each daily haul will be limited to between 40 and 50 miles.

This system is already in practice on the Kunming-Haifu Highway. At Kunming the caravans pick up the goods unloaded by trains from Haiphong and send them to Haifu. From Haifu, they send Chinese exports to Kunming to be entrained for Haiphong.—*Central News*.

Italy And Japan

RUMOUR
OF NEW
ALLIANCE

Rome, Mar. 9.
Mr. Toshio Shiratori, Japanese Ambassador, called on the Foreign Minister, Count Galeazzo Ciano, at the Foreign Office last evening.


It was understood that the Tokyo envoy heard explanations from Count Ciano regarding the latest developments between Italy and France and those in Spain.

Matters relating to the anti-Comintern pact were also understood to have been discussed during the interview.—*Domest*.

Anti-Comintern Alliance

London, Mar. 9.
It is reported that Germany, Italy and Japan have opened quiet negotiations designed to align the new anti-Communist alliance.

Foreign Embassy officials say that the German, Italian and Japanese representatives raised the question of joining the bloc in Burgos. General Franco at first declined to consider the question, because Britain at that time had not recognised his regime and he feared that adherence to the totalitarian bloc would delay recognition. However, it is said that the totalitarianists have now renewed the invitation.—*United Press*.



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Good Entries Received For Fanling Meet

Governor's Cup The Main Race Of Day

(By "Captain Foster")

The penultimate meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, to be held at Kwanti on Sunday, has drawn very satisfactory entries. The major contest is the Governor's Cup, which is a hurdle race for China ponies, bona-fide hunters, and the winner of this main bout will receive a cup presented by His Excellency the Governor, who together with Lady Northcote will attend the meeting.

For the convenience of the racing the fact that starters must be 'de-public' there will be a special train from the Fanling station at 1.08 p.m., to Fanling and return. Weighing Room before 2.15 o'clock at 6.39 p.m., to Kowloon. The full for the first race and for all sub-way first class return fare is \$2 in-sequent races 45 minutes before the closing admission to the Racecourse. Scheduled starting time. Admission to the Public Enclosure. There are six interesting races on the program and the first is in uniform are charged at half price. Advertised to run off at 2.45 p.m. Attention of owners is drawn to sharp.

"Capt. Foster" Reviews Prospects Of Each Race

THE opening event will be the Lo Wu Handicap, which is a flat race over a mile for China ponies. The winner of this year's Grand National, has been set with the highest impost of 169 lbs. while Diogenes and Zero have been treated with liberal allowances. There is no denying that Ebony Idol is the best chaser, but with due respect to his capability I fancy Zero will turn the tables as the distance of the jump is shorter by half a mile than when they clashed in the Fanling Grand National. Diogenes is also to be considered, for in the Taiipo Handicap over 1 1/4 miles, run on Boxing Day, this blackie belonging to Mr. M. H. Turner gave Lt.-Col. Dowbiggin's candidate a good wallop. However, a good race is assured.

THE ban on winners of a steeplechase since January 1, has precluded the entry of Brutus (the winner of Australian Grand National) and Stratherrick for the Melbourne Cup, which is a handicap steeplechase for Australian ponies over a course of 1 1/4 miles. On the strength of her running behind Brutus in the Australian Grand National, Teviotdale is almost at the head of the assessment, but the weight adjuster has made Glorious Star a two pound better jumper. The latter has only appeared once this season and her performance in the New South Wales Handicap seems to suggest that the mare has

SELECTIONS BY "CAPT. FOSTER"

LO WU HANDICAP

Zero
Ebony Idol
Diogenes

MELBOURNE CUP

Teviotdale
Spark Plug
Glorious Star

GOVERNOR'S CUP

March Brown
Mortmain
Clown

NEWCOMERS' PLATE

Avalon
Alpha
Pall Mall

OLDTIMERS' HANDICAP

Royal Highness
Plain View
Gold Sovereign

A good few unplaced China ponies, subscription griffins of this season, have been nominated for the Newcomers' Plate and it is a sprint over half a mile. There are 13 entries, none of them having been placed at the Annual Race Meeting and spotting the winner is not an easy job. However Alpha, Avalon and Pall Mall are about the best among this lot. Tiger Eyes is recommended for big money.

THE Oldtimers' Handicap, which is a flat race over a mile for China ponies classified as "D" class, has attracted ten Happy Valley runners. I have been trying my level best to "get a line" on all the ponies entered for this event, but I much regret that I had to give up the search as a hopeless task, and I therefore strongly recommend punters to follow the ranking list of the handicapper. Royal Highness holds the post of honore with 159 lbs. and the mare is followed by Plain View who has to carry only 155 lbs. In my estimation Gold Sovereign is nicely weighted with an allowance of 10 lbs. under the scale weight of 14.1 ponies, but Good Morning looks tempting at 145 lbs. and furthermore he ran a good second in his last outing at Kwanti. Tribute must weigh out with blinkers and in the circumstances one never knows when he will be in earnest of making up his mind to run. \$5 each way is not a bad gamble.

THE last contest on the card will be a scurry (unofficial) over four furlongs for China ponies that have started at this meeting and not won. "D" class runners are barred. Readers must therefore use their own discretion owing to post entries. My selections for the first five events are as follows:



"Are there any more at home like you?" sighs Herbert Marshall to his favourite music hall entertainer, Claudette Colbert, in "Zaza" their new picture, opening on Saturday at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres. "No, not like me," answers the mischievous Claudette, who plays the famed turn-of-the-century heart-breaker in the lavish Paramount production.

Czechs Win Table Tennis Championships

Cairo, Mar. 9. Czechoslovakia won the 1938-39 Table Tennis Championships held here, being undefeated. Yugoslavia was second with one defeat and England third with two defeats. Eleven countries competed, these being: England, France, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Greece, India, Palestine, Lithuania, Czechoslovakia, Egypt, and Luxembourg. Hungary, winner of the 1938 championships, did not defend her title. —Trans-Ocean.

SOFTBALL SCHEDULE

The following is the Softball League schedule for the coming week-end:
Men's League—Second play-off, Midcity v. Recreo (Rec.), 11 a.m.
Women's League—Canadian Chinese v. Filipinos (Fil.), 10 a.m.; Panthers v. Wildcats (Fil.), 11.30 a.m.
Inter-Hong League—Green Sports v. Union Insurance (La Salle), 11.15 a.m.; Chartered Bank v. R.A.F. (R.A.F.), 2.30 p.m.; American Express v. Texaco (Fil.), 1.30 p.m.; Shell v. Soony (C.B.A.), 2.30 p.m.; Dutch Bank v. Kai Tak (Kai Tak), 2.30 p.m.; Ewo v. National City Bank (Kai Tak), 4 p.m.

RECREIO 1ST ELEVEN

The following have been chosen to represent the Club de Recreo 1st XI in a league cricket match against the Navy at home to-morrow:
A. M. Rodrigues (Capt.), N. Beltrao, E. L. Gosano, J. M. Gosano, L. C. Gosano, H. L. Ozorio, A. P. Pereira, A. M. Prata, W. A. Reed, P. M. da Silva, Jr., E. M. L. Soares.

ATTACHE CASE LOST

Lt.-Col. J. N. N. Synnott, R.N., of H.M.S. Birmingham, has reported that he lost an attache case containing books and papers while travelling between Hart Avenue and the Kowloon Ferry Wharf on Wednesday.

M.C.C. Face Huge Score In Test

(Continued from Page 8.)

K. G. Viljoen, b. Perks	74
A. Melville, b. Barnes	103
E. L. Dalton, c. and b. Wright	21
R. E. Grieverson, b. Barnes	30
A. B. C. Langton, c. Hammond, b. Barnes	6
S. Newson, b. Wright	3
N. Gordon not out	17
Extras	17

Total 481
Fall of wickets:—1 (Mitchell) for 101; 2 (Rowan) for 191; 3 (Van Der Byl) for 191; 4 (Nourse) for 242; 5 (Viljoen) for 346; 6 (Dalton) for 382; 7 (Melville) for 434; 8 (Langton) for 450; 9 (Newson) for 402.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Farnes	22.1	2	74	4
Perks	32	6	99	1
Wright	32	7	140	3
Verity	40	9	87	2
Edrich	6	1	18	0
Hammond	9	1	30	0
Hutton	1	0	10	0

M.C.C. 2ND INNS.

Hutton, not out	0
P. A. Gibb, not out	0
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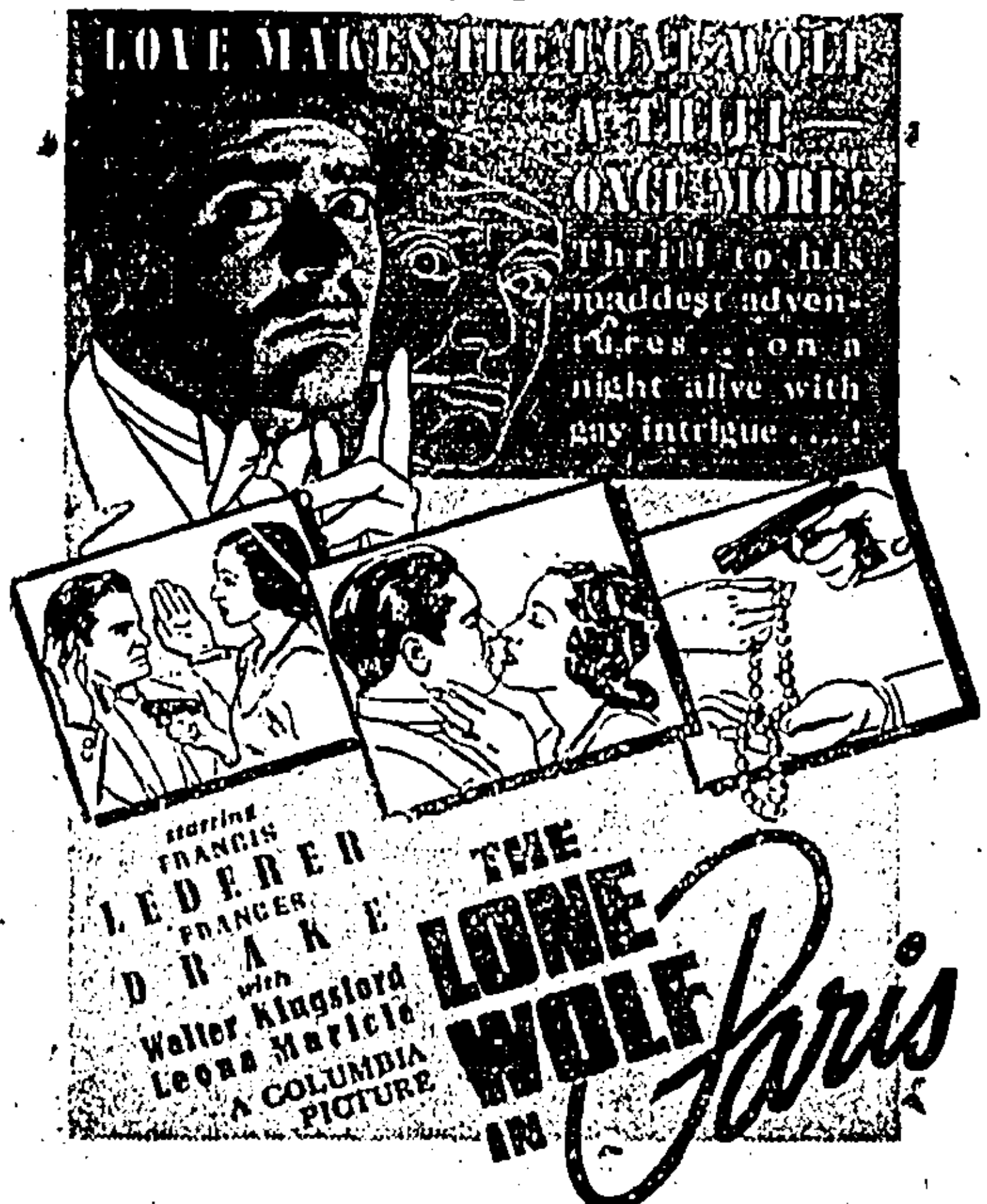
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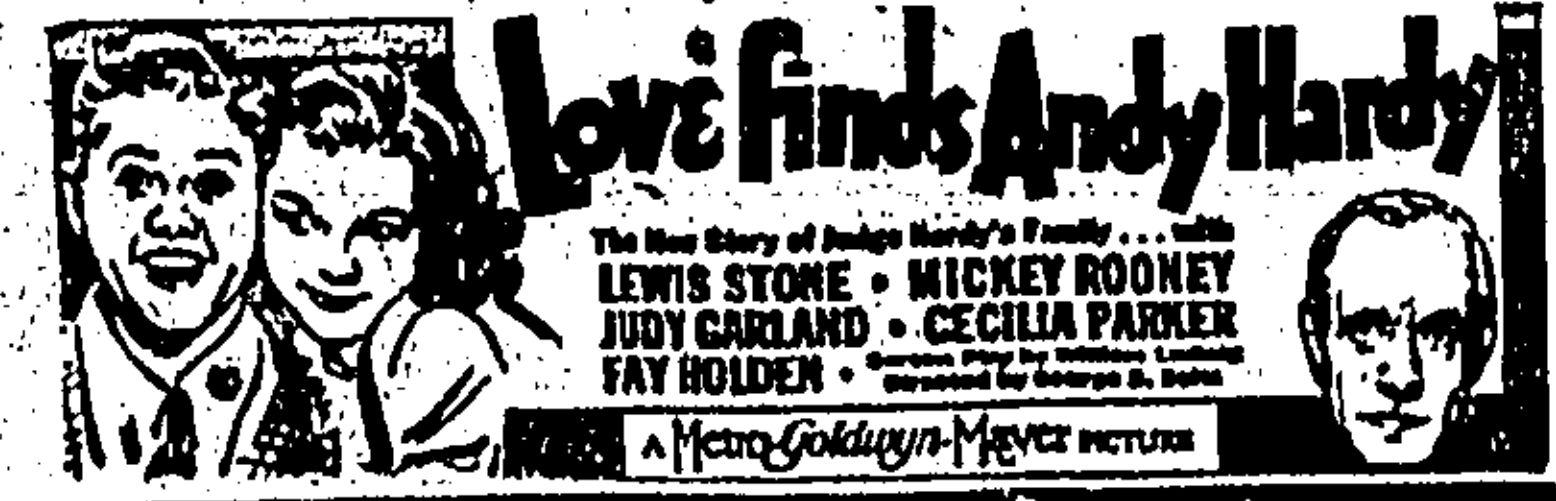
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Y.W.C.A. APPEAL

Joint National And Local Association Campaign

For the first time the Hongkong Branch of the Y.W.C.A. and the National Association are having a joint campaign for funds in Hongkong. The goal for the campaign is \$16,000, which will be divided, \$10,500 to Hongkong and \$5,500 to the National Association. There will be twelve teams with some 150 women working on the teams. The presence in the Colony of a number of national committee members makes it possible to have four national teams, and eight local teams. Dr. F. C. Woo, O.B.E., treasurer of the local Y.W.C.A., and Mrs. Huang Siu-feng, past chairman of the national committee, are the two campaign chairmen. The campaign opens to-night with a dinner of for workers.

The Hongkong Y.W.C.A. is a self-supporting organisation. Its work is not dependent on funds from abroad or from any other part of China. It does however bring to the notice of the community each year its programme and activities and ask for financial support. This year March 10 has been set as the opening day of the finance campaign. The goal is higher than usual both because of additional activities undertaken by the Y.W.C.A. and because the campaign is being held in conjunction with the National Y.W.C.A. of China. The latter organisation consists of a Committee elected by all the local Y.W.C.A.'s throughout the country. It has its headquarters in Shanghai, and is responsible for general policy and problems which concern, not one individual Y.W.C.A., but the National Movement as a whole. A staff of trained and experienced secretaries is employed to carry out this work. In the present emergency situation the National Y.W.C.A. has been called on to undertake special work, and it has therefore been necessary to explore other sources of revenue. One result is this joint campaign.

The Hongkong Y.W.C.A., recognising the needs of the national organisation and understanding the value of its work to the country, has generously consented to this arrangement. From members and friends of the Y.W.C.A. in other parts of China who are now living in Hongkong, additional teams of workers have been organised. The funds raised by the campaign will be divided between the Hongkong Y.W.C.A. and the National Y.W.C.A. in the proportion of 2 to 1, care being taken that the Hongkong budget difference is made up before there is any division of funds.

Report of Work

A report has been issued of the work of the Hongkong association, showing that regular work has been going on side by side with much emergency work. Endless hours have been given by the members to making hospital supplies, quilting coats, warm underwear and a lot of other things. Money has been raised in all kinds of ways, including very successful thrift boxes which are collected monthly. The association has made an effort to discover and carry out work needed by the masses of refugees in the city, putting groups of specially trained young women in the camps for welfare and educational work.

Regular work has expanded because in these days of stress the needs of girls and women are many. Nearly every one has problems aggravated by the present situation. The hostel is overflowing, and personal problems absorb long hours of secretaries' time. Students come for relief funds. Clubs and classes help hold morale high. Even in time of war, youth looks to the future and leadership must be trained. Co-operation with many new emergency organisations is a necessary contribution to life to-day.

With the present shift in population towards the west and south-west there have come many requests for Y.W.C.A. work in new centres. In response, secretaries have been sent in to survey interior cities and to talk over with residents the possibilities of developing Y.W.C.A.'s. The policy is that such work shall be self-directing and self-supporting from the beginning, but prevailing conditions make it impossible for some local centres to raise funds for the work. The National Y.W.C.A. has therefore made grants on a diminishing scale to such new Y.W.C.A.'s both for the salaries of secretaries and for programme activities, until such time as an

appeal for support can be made locally. Both in Kunming and in Kweichow, new Y.W.C.A.'s have been organised during the last year, and both have received grants from the National Committee.

None in Slam

In some centres, such for instance as Slam, it has not been possible to organise a Y.W.C.A., but a local committee working with a secretary has developed an emergency centre. The programme in Slam fell under three heads, (1) student relief work was carried on, students who were unable to continue their studies were helped to find work, and in many cases trained for work in refugee camps and for other kinds of service; (2) in refugee camps, educational classes and recreational activities were carried on by the Y.W.C.A. among women and children until the camps were broken up and the refugees sent on; (3) families of soldiers at the front were registered with the Y.W.C.A. and occupation found locally for several hundred families. Welfare work was carried on among the children. Special privileges such as free tuition in school and free treatment at hospitals was obtained for all registered families.

With communications as difficult as they have been during the last year, special efforts have to be made to maintain work. This can be done by increasing the national service among the local Y.W.C.A.'s and by arranging for more travel and visitation by national secretaries.

The funds of the National Y.W.C.A. must be augmented to meet the demands on the budget made by this travel. In many of the local Y.W.C.A.'s there are emergency secretaries supported by the National who are carrying on programmes of student relief, refugee work, and educational class for both city and rural women.—Contributed.

Bomb Found On Railway Track

London, Mar. 9.
The timely discovery of a bomb on the railway lines in the London suburb of Sarsden, about 50 yards off an iron viaduct, prevented a new outrage by terrorists yesterday. The bomb was fitted with a time fuse and it had exploded, it would have destroyed not only the lines but also the electric cables of two power stations in the vicinity. Last evening's papers did not mention this latest attempt, probably in order not to frighten passengers using this line which is usually overcrowded in the evening hours. Special police from Scotland Yard have been busy combing the London districts chiefly inhabited by Irish people for traces of the perpetrators.

LATE NEWS

Further Raids On Wrecked City

ICHANG, Mar. 10.
Japanese bombers again visited the ruins of Ichang yesterday and in a further two raids added to the terrible death toll created in Wednesday's mass horror.

A Chinese report of the latest raids states that losses of civilian lives and property were "tremendous." About 200 buildings have been wrecked. Six bombs hit the American Mission, while seven foreign residences were struck. A foreign school was also hit. All foreign property conspicuously displayed national flags on the roofs. Twenty-seven bombers participated in the raids, indiscriminately bombing the eastern and southern sections of the city.—Central News.

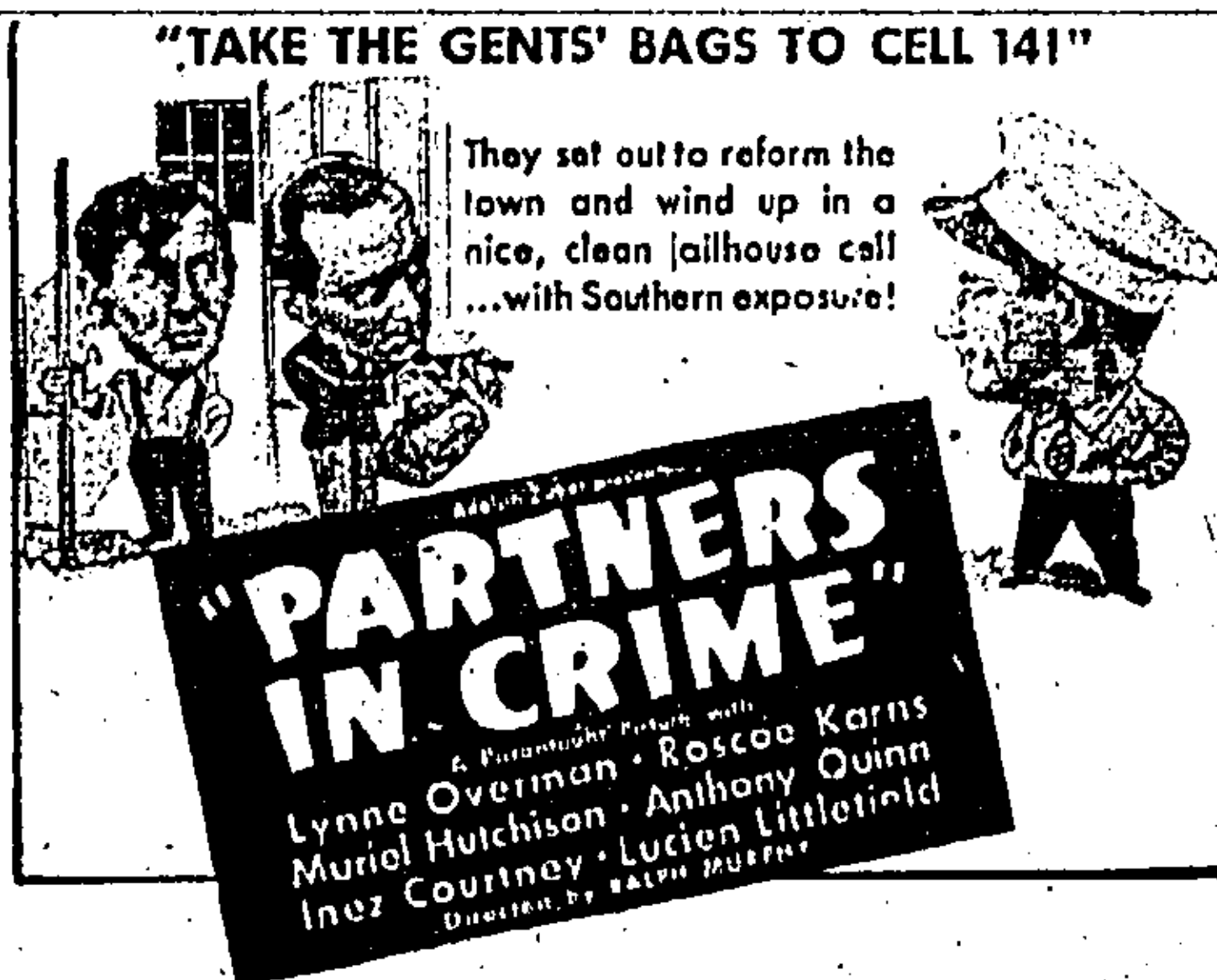
American Protest

American consulate at Hankow has protested at bombing of American Mission at Ichang. Catholic Cathedral was also bombed.

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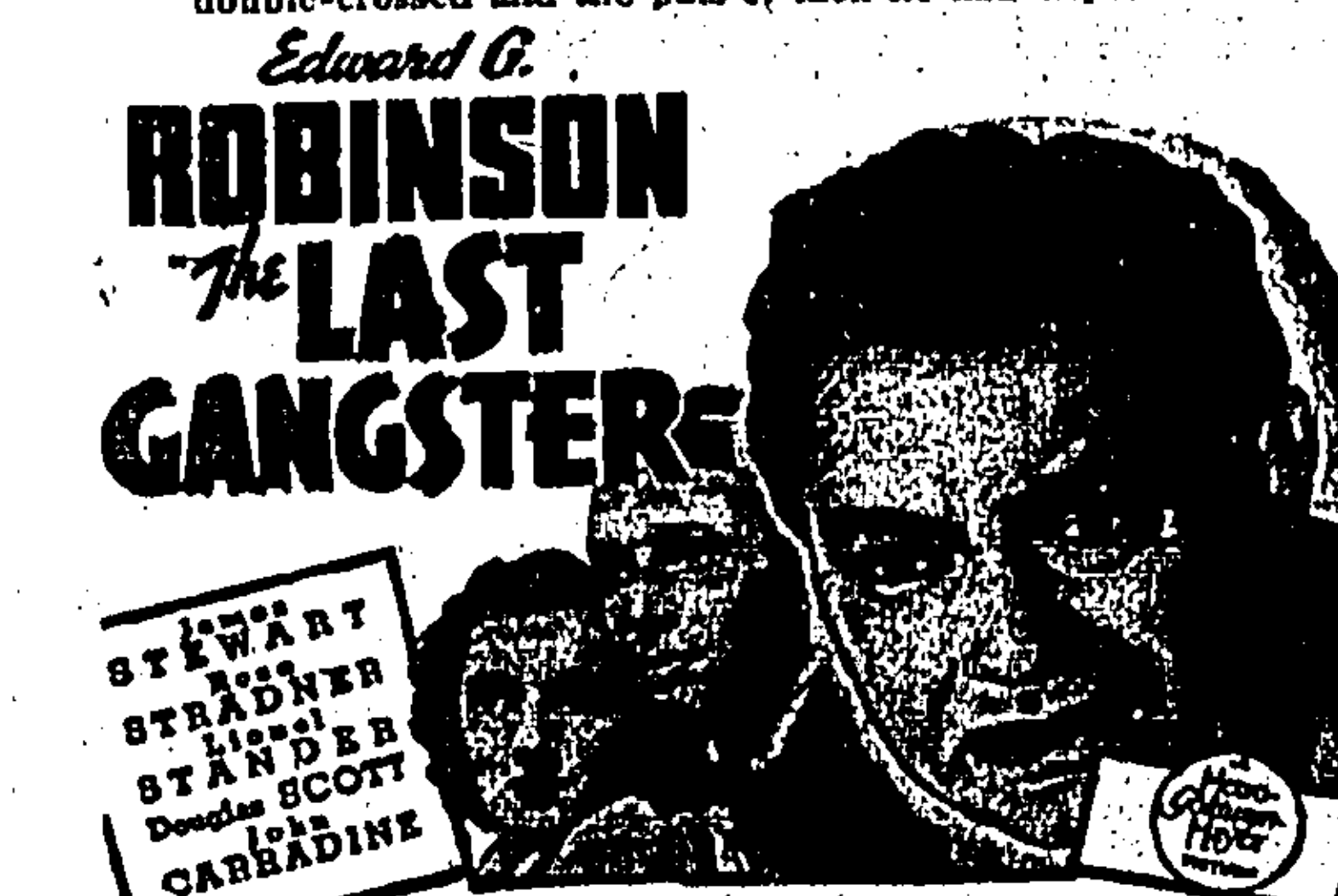
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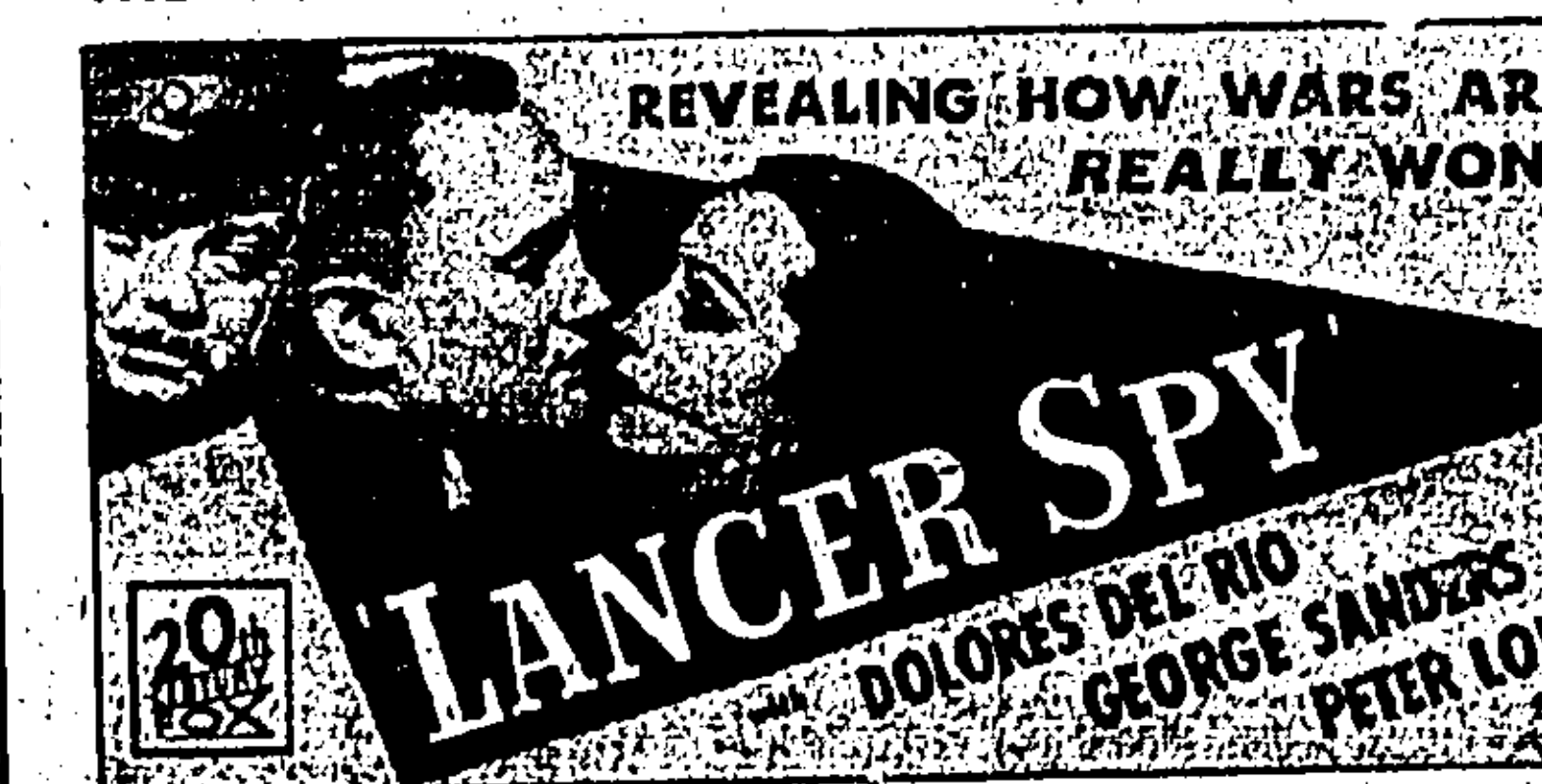
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EMPIRE DEFENCE
Conference Called By
New Zealand
Wellington, Mar. 9.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Michael Savage, has confirmed that Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand will hold a defence conference. Mr. Savage stated that the conference will be called by New Zealand who has been pressing for it for some time.—Reuter.
Pacific Defence
Wellington, Mar. 9.
The Premier of New Zealand, Mr. M. J. Savage, declared to-day that a defence conference, attended by representatives of Britain, New Zealand and Australia, will be held very soon.—Reuter Bulletin.
—Trans-Ocean.

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AIR FLEETS TO FLY ON COAL

British Oil Sensation

BRITAIN'S air fleets of the future may fly on synthetic petrol, the product of Britain's semi-derelict coal-fields. Such is the possibility opened up by activities in the little mining village of Glenboig, Coatbridge, Glasgow.

Here, a demonstration plant is making synthetic oil from coal—at the rate of 200 gallons a day. The product is a crude oil which splits up into 50 per cent. lubricating oil.

The motor spirit with the addition of appropriate amounts of tetra ethyl lead, becomes an aeroplane spirit comparable with the highest grade, such as is used in the fastest military machines.

SIXPENCE A GALLON

The crude synthetic oil made by the demonstration plant at present costs 9d. a gallon. But it is claimed that once the process is working directly at the pit-heads, by collecting their entire output over to oil production, the cost per gallon will fall to at most 6d.

Motor spirit can be imported at 4½d. a gallon. The Government, however, guarantees a preference of 9d. a gallon to home-produced motor spirit and diesel oil.

This, on the comparatively low costs of the synthetic process, brings home production into the sphere of commercial enterprise.

Imported motor spirit stored for any prolonged period "gums" and may have to be refined again. Synthetic petrol does not "gum." Such a point has obvious military importance.

The demonstration plant is working on a new British process which, its sponsors say, may revolutionise the oil situation in this country.

RESCUING THE COALFIELDS

Recently it was discussed with its managing director, Mr. E. B. Whalley. He claims that there, at last, is an economical and efficient synthetic process, the development of which would mean rescuing the semi-derelict coalfields of Great Britain, which should henceforward be regarded as our chief sources of oil supply.

The Labour Party's report on "Oil from Coal" made a favourable comment on his process, recommending the erection of six plants. Since then it has been improved by the introduction of a sulphur-resisting catalyst, and the semi-com-

mercial plant has been erected at the Bedlay Colliery, Glenboig.

Broadly, the position, as Whalley explains it, is this. There are three older methods of making oil from coal, all of which seem to have failed. High and low temperature carbonisation are too expensive. At Billingham, a big plant is working at temperatures and pressures that eat through steel like mice eating cheese.

The other process is the German Fischer and Tropsch process, in which certain British collieries have taken an interest.

This one is expensive, and even in Germany the plant is now being used almost entirely for the production of chemicals and edible and other fats. There seems no likelihood of its being used here.

By contrast, the synthetic oil process is simple. It works at a temperature of about 100 degrees centigrade, at pressures not much higher than that of the atmosphere.

The raw material is coke—almost any sort of coke, made from any sort of coal. In other processes metallurgical coke has been used. This has two disadvantages—one, that it is dear; the other, that it uses up a valuable raw material. The synthetic oil process saves colliery expenses in grading, screening, and cleaning the coal. Coke made from dirty coal is good enough for its purpose.

SPECIAL PROPERTIES

From the coke, ordinary blue water gas is obtained (not the purified water gas of other processes). This is converted into a crude oil, which fractionates as indicated above.

Special properties are claimed for the lubricating oil. It has a great temperature range—that is to say, it would be suitable for aeroplanes which fly in a few minutes from a temperate zone near the ground to a frigid zone in the upper air.

Crude synthetic oil need not be made into motor spirit, but can be cracked up into a number of valuable solvents, waxes, and other products.

But the importance of the motor spirit, which can be turned into aeroplane spirit, is obvious.

"It is hard to find out," said Mr. Whalley, "what the Government pays for its petrol. 88 petrol. Presumably, it pays no duty."

Even so, I have a notion that it pays 3s. 6d. a gallon. If it paid only 1s. 6d. a gallon, that would give a price well inside our scope. "We don't argue only from military necessity," said Mr. Whalley. "What we argue is that for normal peacetime needs our coalfields should be regarded as oil sources."

Compared with 1913, British coal output is down by 45 million tons. This would convert into 7,500,000 tons. Experts believe it would take years before coal could be converted on this scale. But it is argued that that only makes a stronger case for beginning the job soon.

Car Bandits Made P.C. Leap For Life

POLICE were recently searching for bandits who raided three houses near Worplesdon (Surrey) golf club and broke through a police cordon in a stolen car, nearly knocking down an officer.

Motorists on all main roads from Woking to London and the coast were stopped and questioned.

DROVE AT P.C.

P. C. Spriggs, who was guarding Black Horse Lane, attempted to stop a small saloon car.

The driver drove straight at the officer, who had to jump aside to avoid being knocked down.

In failing he managed to obtain the number of the car, which was later reported stolen from the garage of Mr. B. Jobling, of The Gate House, Worplesdon Hill.

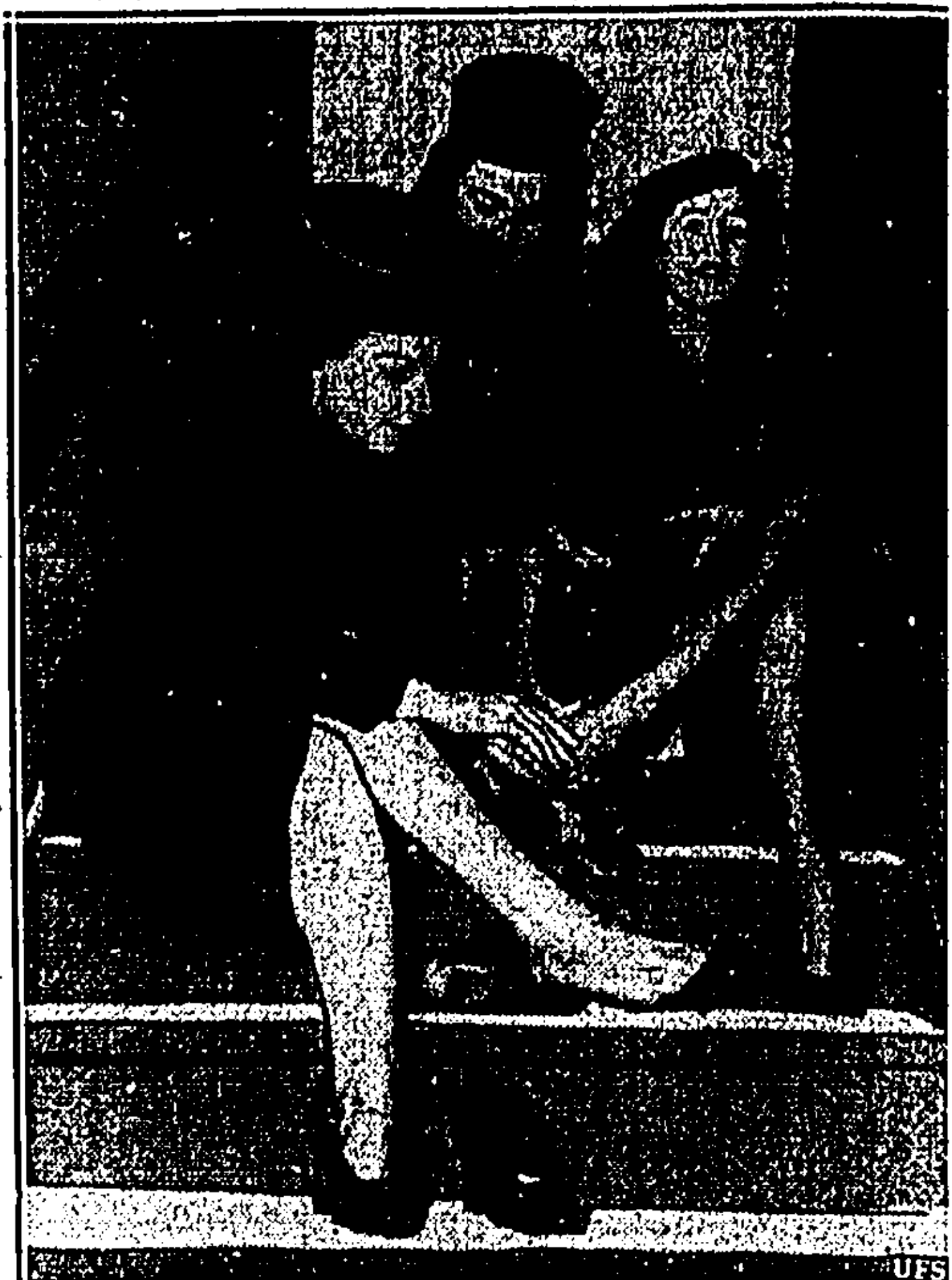
When, shortly after midday, the car was found abandoned in a by-road near Guildford with some of the stolen property in it, the police cordon was withdrawn.

The cordon, for which police on duty were reinforced by others called from their beds, was hurriedly drawn when Captain Charles Napier Ambrose, of Broken Lodge, Worplesdon Hill, reported that his house had been broken into. Silver and jewellery were stolen.

Wasp Stings Nearly Fatal

Simsbury Conn. James P. Curtis is allergic to wasps and when one stung him he almost died. Doctors worked over him for five hours and administered adrenalin before they could restore him to consciousness.

STRIKE CAUSES SORE FEET



Strike for increased wages by more than 4,000 elevator operators in New York City tied up hundreds of buildings, particularly in the fur and garment centres, and prevented more than 100,000 employees from going to work. Above, Jeanne Gregory, left, her sister Irene, right, and Lillian Berson, clothes maker, started to hike to the 36th floor.

NEW SOLDIER WEARS WIND SUIT, SKI TROUSERS, GAITERS

BRITAIN'S new Army-on-Wheels demonstrated its speed and hitting power on the plains of Aldershot recently to members of Parliament, and the new soldier paraded in battle order that would puzzle the veterans of 1914-18.

Mr. Hore-Belisha, the Minister of War, was not there himself—there was a Cabinet meeting—but he had commanded a showing of the Army's closest secrets, and 148 M.P.s ploughed through Aldershot's yellow mud to see them.

Among the weapons of destruction and terror, Mr. Magician-Belisha put on show a magic carpet, fifty yards long. A few days ago a field was filled with heavy poison gas. A roll of this "carpet"—it looks like three thicknesses of paper—was laid across the field, and 1,000 men walked across it without getting their Army boots burned or contaminated.

The men in gas-masks who stood beside the carpet wore yellow cuffs over their olivins. Those cuffs would have changed colour if a trace of poison gas had come over on the cold wind.

Yellow discs were scattered on the ground. They were "gas detectors" too. That is a gas detection squad in the new Army.

Some of the smarter-booted officers said they disliked the new battle dress for the foot soldier.

Gone are puttees. They give way to small ankle gaiters like those of the Marines. Brass buttons have given way to bakelite buttons.

The soldier will go into battle in a windproof suit, the closest fitting tunic buttoning into khaki trousers that would do well for skiing.

This uniform was in the experimental stage up to the crisis. Since then thousands have been issued. Army chemists are experimenting, and believe that soon they will be able to make the material gas-proof as well as windproof.

M.P.s climbed a hill and packed themselves into a stand with a wide view to get a glimpse of the new mechanised Army on the move.

Twelve scout-like armoured cars appeared in the mist a mile away. In less than two minutes, leaping over the rough ground, they were past the stand.

Of eleven different types of tank shown, seven are on the secret list. One, fast and heavily armoured, looks like a submarine. There is a short periscope through which the gunner in the round conning tower takes his sights, and the driver, safe from all non-piercing bullets, also looks into a periscope. This is an assault tank.

The commentator said: "It represents a new conception in design and construction, considerably in advance of foreign countries."

All of the tank squadrons were commanded by radio. Thin, upright aerials waved from their shapes like the feelers of underwater monsters.

Special pride of the new Army is the latest anti-tank gun—towed behind light dragons or tanks. It can fire from its wheels in an emergency, but normally fires from a central mounting, which gives an all-round traverse. Their thin eighteen-inch long shells will pierce the heaviest tank armour, then explode inside.

One of the new guns looks like a steel hose-pipe, and is claimed to be the best anti-aircraft piece in the world for dealing with low-flying airplanes.

It fires a 2-lb. shell that explodes if it touches a sheet of paper and explodes so completely that none of it falls to earth. The gun fires 120 of these a minute, and a sergeant said he could count on thirty-seven hits out of fifty-five on a target towed at 100 m.p.h.

They said at Aldershot, there is now no shortage of the famous Bren gun.



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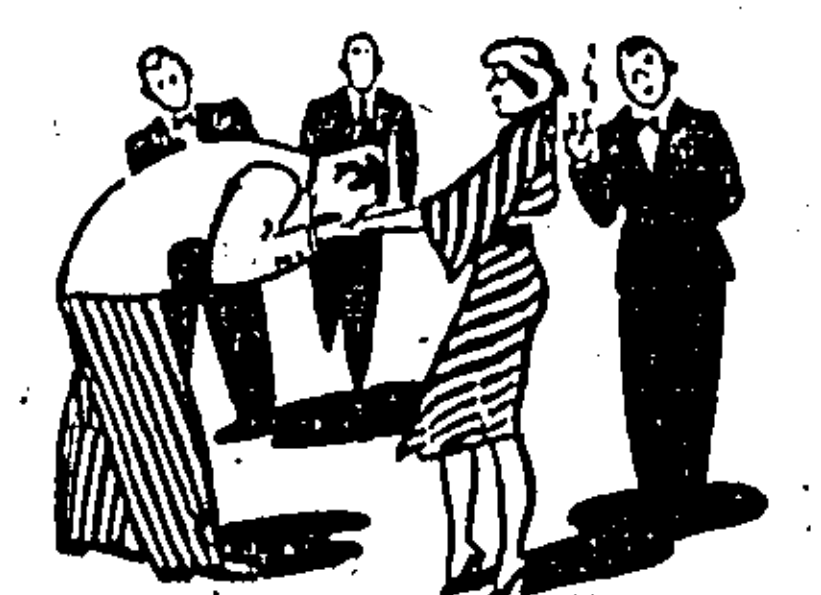
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Toledo, O. City police reported a 30 per cent. reduction in automobile thefts during 1937 compared with 1937—Last year 763 cars were stolen and all except 22 were recovered.



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MISCELLANEOUS.

TOMBOLA at the Filipino Club, every Sunday at 11 a.m. Members please note the annual meeting will be held the same day at 3 p.m.

FOR SALE.

GIANT ZINNIA SEEDS have just been received. Ask for our summer list. The Clover Flower Shop.

M.C.C. Face Huge Score In Test

(Continued from Page 8.)

K. G. Villjoen, b Perks	74
A. Melville, b Farnes	103
E. L. Dalton, c and b Wright	21
R. E. Grieveson, b Farnes	39
A. B. C. Langton, c Hammond	6
b Farnes	3
S. Newton, b Wright	7
N. Gordon not out	17
Extras	17

Total 481
Fall of wickets:—1 (Mitchell) for 191; 2 (Rowan) for 191; 3 (Van Der Byl) for 191; 4 (Nourse) for 242; 5 (Villjoen) for 346; 6 (Dalton) for 382; 7 (Melville) for 434; 8 (Langton) for 450; 9 (Newton) for 462.

BOWLING ANALYSIS

	O	M	R	W
Farnes	22.1	2	74	4
Perks	32	6	99	1
Wright	32	7	146	3
Verity	40	9	87	2
Edrich	6	1	18	0
Hammond	9	1	30	0
Hutton	1	0	10	0

M.C.C.—2ND INNS.

Hutton, not out	0
P. A. Gibb, not out	0
Total (for 0 wkt.)	0

\$40,000,000 Navy Vote Passed

Washington, Mar. 9.

The Naval Affairs Committee of the House of Representatives to-day tentatively agreed to the \$40,000,000 naval and public works bill, but delayed its final vote until Friday, pending action for the \$8,000,000 authorization for the purchase of docks at Hunter's Point in San Francisco Bay.

Earlier in the day, Admiral William Leahy stated that the bill required support, as the fleet's "docking facilities on the west coast of Hawaii were inadequate."—United Press.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

Any person who had witnessed the accident which occurred on the 4th of this month at 3.15 p.m. in Nathan Road when a boy, 14 years of age, riding a bicycle was knocked down and killed by Lorry No. 5053 will please communicate with Mr. B. F. Nong of No. 169, Hai Tan Street, 1st floor, Shamshui, Kowloon.

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Notice to Shareholders

The Seventeenth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the under- signed on Friday, the 24th March, 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

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Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1939, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
Secretary and Manager.
Hongkong, 4th March, 1939.

23 Committed At Old Bailey

London, Mar. 9.
Twenty-two men and one girl were committed for trial at Old Bailey when they appeared to-day at the Bow Street court on charges under the Explosives Substances Act.

Among the accused who were apprehended in London and various parts of the country, following recent bomb outrages, were 18 charged specially with conspiring to use explosives.—Reuter.

C. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	Kowloon Island Lot No. 4123.	Adjoining Kowloon Island Lot No. 4123, Tung Tau Road, 2nd East Road.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	About 4,000	\$86	\$15,552
			As per sale plan.			

C. R.

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Mount Cameron Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	Rural Building Lot No. 420.	South of Rural Building Lot No. 383, Mount Cameron Road.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	About 22,400	\$253	\$2,538
			As per sale plan.			

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of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tin Hau Temple Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	Inland Lot No. 5488.	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 5487, Tin Hau Temple Road.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	About 6,100	\$112	\$6,100
			As per sale plan.			

C. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at North Point, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
4	Inland Lot No. 5489.	Adjoining Inland Lot No. 5488, Tin Hau Temple Road.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	About 6,400	\$118	\$6,400
			As per sale plan.			

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING

T.T. London	1s. 2.25/32
Demand	1s. 2.25/32
T.T. Shanghai	82 1/2
T.T. Singapore	82 1/2
T.T. Japan	105 1/2
T.T. India	82 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	28 1/2
T.T. Manila	55 1/2
T.T. Batavia	54 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	100 1/2
T.T. Saigon	100 1/2
T.T. France	10.87
T.T. Germany	71 1/2
T.T. Switzerland	120 1/2
T.T. Australia	170 1/2

BUYING

4 m/s E/c London	1/3.1/32
4 m/s D/p do.	25 1/2
4 m/s L/c U.S.A.	29 1/2
4 m/s France	11.27
30 d/s India	83 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in Lon.	4.69 1/2

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS	
H.K. Banks	1,430 b
H.K. Banks Lon.	91 n
Chartered	9 1/2 n
Mercantile, A. & B.	27 1/2 n
Mercantile, C.	13 n
East Asia	85 b

INSURANCES

Canton	225 b
Union	480 b and sa.
China Underwriter etc.	50 n
H.K. Fire	185 b

SHIPPING

Douglas	66 b
Stamboat	15 n
Indo-China P.	60 n
Indo-China D.	24 n
Shell Bearers s/	89 1/2 n
Waterboats	9 n

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves	120 sa.
Docks (old)	17 1/2 b and sa.
Docks (new)	17 b
Providents (old)	6.45 n
Providents (new)	6.30 n
New Eng. Sh. S.	6.00 n
Sia. Docks, Sh. S.	105 n

MINING

Kallan s/	19 1/2 n
Raub	8.35 b
Vander Grint	3 n
Hongkong Mines etc.	5 n
Antumok Ps.	44 1/2 sa.
Atoks Ps.	38 sa.
Baguio Gold Ps.	26 1/2 sa.
Benguet Cons. Ps.	13.60 sa.
Coco Mines Ps.	44 sa.
Con. Mines Ps.	40 1/2 sa.
Demonstrations Ps.	13 sa.
I.X.L. Ps.	67 sa.
Gumau	70 sa.
San Maricito Ps.	2.25 sa.
Suyoc Consol Ps.	21 sa.
Purancas Ps.	70 sa.

LANDS

Hotels	6.70 b
Lands	36 1/2 b
Lands 4% deb.	107 1/2 b
Shai Lands Sh.	9.35 n
Humphreys \$ (x.d.)	8.55 n
H.K. Realities \$ (x.d.)	4.80 n
Chinese Estates \$	130 n

UTILITIES

Trans S.	17 b
Peak Trans (old)	8 n
Peak Trans (new)	4 n
Star Ferries	0.7 1/2 n
Y. Ferries (old)	2.34 b
Y. Ferries (new)	2.270 b
China Lights (old)	8.95 b
China Lights (new)	6 sa.
G.K. Electric \$ (x.d.)	56 1/2 b
Macao Electric \$	17 1/2 b
Sundakan Lights	10 1/2 b
Telephones (old)	22.45 n
Telephones (new)	7.30 n
Traction \$ (x.d.)	23 1/2 n
Traction \$	23 1/2 n

INDUSTRIAL

Cold: Macg. (ord.)	14 n
Cold: Macg. (pre.)	13 n
Canton Ices	1 b
Cements \$ (x.d.)	14.05 b
H.K. Ropes \$	4 b

STORES, &c.

Dairy Farms \$	20 1/2 n
Watsons	8 sa.
Lane Crawfords	8 sa.
Sirtexes	1 1/2 n
Wing On (H.K.)	42 b
Powell, Ltd. etc.	90 n

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. \$	18.40 n
Shai Cotton	105 n
Zoon Shing Sh.	24 n
Wing On Textiles Sh.	42 n

MISC.

H.K. Entertainments	7 b
Constructions	1 1/2 n
Vibro Piling	6 1/2 b
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	60 1/2 n
H.K. Govt. Loan 3 1/2%	par. b
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4% p.m.	par. b
Marsmans (Lon.) s/	10 1/2 n
Marsmans (H.K.) s/	4 1/2 n

MANCHUKUO TRADE Credits May be Extended By One Year

Hankow, Mar. 9.

Negotiations will shortly be started between the German and the Manchukuo Governments with a view to extending by one year the term of the Yuan 63,000,000 German credits to Manchukuo, which were established in September, last year, in accordance with the German-Manchukuo Trade Agreement, and which were to expire at the end of May, this year.

Manchukuo officials point out that the present credits were highly instrumental in the acquisition of materials necessary for the execution of the five-year industrial development plan.—Domet.

London, Mar. 9.—Mr. Neville Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons to-day that the President of the Board of Trade would introduce the Cotton Re-Organisation Bill into the House next week, indicating that the Government was determined to re-organise the cotton trade on a price-fixing lines.—United Press.

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FRANCIS I. du PONT & COMPANY REPORT BY CABLE.

STOCKS: Barron's business index is down again, from 74.8 to 73.9. The Electric Autolite Company's January business was 188 per cent. over the corresponding month of last year. The stock closed at 36 1/2. January paper board production was 20 per cent. over the same month of 1938, whilst unfilled orders have increased. The week's gain in carloadings is above seasonal. Engineering construction awards are down sharply. The price of lead has been raised.
The Socony-Vacuum Corporation's 1938 earnings are estimated at between \$800 and \$900. The profits are at present below those of last year.
Brazilian bonds are up on President Roosevelt's recommendation to place \$50,000,000 worth of gold at the disposal of the Export and Import Bank of Brazil to extend credits in order to free the exchange market for commercial transactions.

Closing Price:

Jones & Laughlin Steel, Pfd.	\$54 1/2 b
Richfield Oil Corp.	9 1/2
Safeway Stores	37 1/2
Standard Oil of Calif.	28 1/2

RUBBER:

A 10 per cent. increase in tyre shipments is indicated. This means that rubber manufacturers' earnings for the first-half of 1939 would equal the last-half of 1938.

COPPER:

Chile approves a progressive copper export tax. We think that Kennecott issues are over-sold.

WHEAT:

New low levels were recorded in Liverpool and Winnipeg.

COTTON:

Sales of textiles have increased, and prices are higher.

POST OFFICE.

INWARD MAILS

From	Per	Due
Shanghai	Conte Rosso	March 10.
Canada, U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan		
and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C. date, 18th February).	Emp. of Japan	March 10.
Manila	Hulda Maersk	March 10.
Japan, Shanghai and Formosa	Kasima Maru	March 10.
Japan	Kutsung	March 10.
Air Mail by "Pan American Airways"	Pan American Airways Plane	March 10.
Direct Service—San Francisco		
date, 1st March.	Tulping	March 10.
Australia and Manila	Tontulus	March 10.
Straits		
Straits and Europe via Negapatam		
(Papers etc.)—London date, 8th February	Hakozaki Maru	March 11.
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways"	Imperial Airways Plane	March 11.
Direct Service—London date, 4th March.	Pres. Cleveland	March 11.
Manila	Yuenan	March 11.
Calcutta and Swatow	Yunnan	March 11.
Tientsin and Swatow	Taiyuan	March 12.
Shanghai and Swatow	Tijbadak	March 12.
Shanghai and Amoy	Glenogle	March 13.
Shanghai	Kaisyo Maru	March 13.
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—due Marseilles, 11th April	Ord.	Mar. 10, 10.30 a.
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Swatow and Foochow	Hallan	Fri., Mar. 10, 8 p.
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	Ord.	Mar. 10, 5.30 p.
	G. P. O.	Mar. 10, 5 p.
	Reg.	Mar. 10, 5 p.
	Ord.	Mar. 10, 7 p.
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Fort Bayard and Pakhol	Sulyang	Sat., Mar. 11, Noon
Formosa and Shanghai	Hukozaiki Maru	Sat., Mar. 11, 1.30 p.
Haiphong	Wingang	Sat., Mar. 11, 3 p.
Amoy	Shantung	Sat., Mar. 11, 3.30 p.
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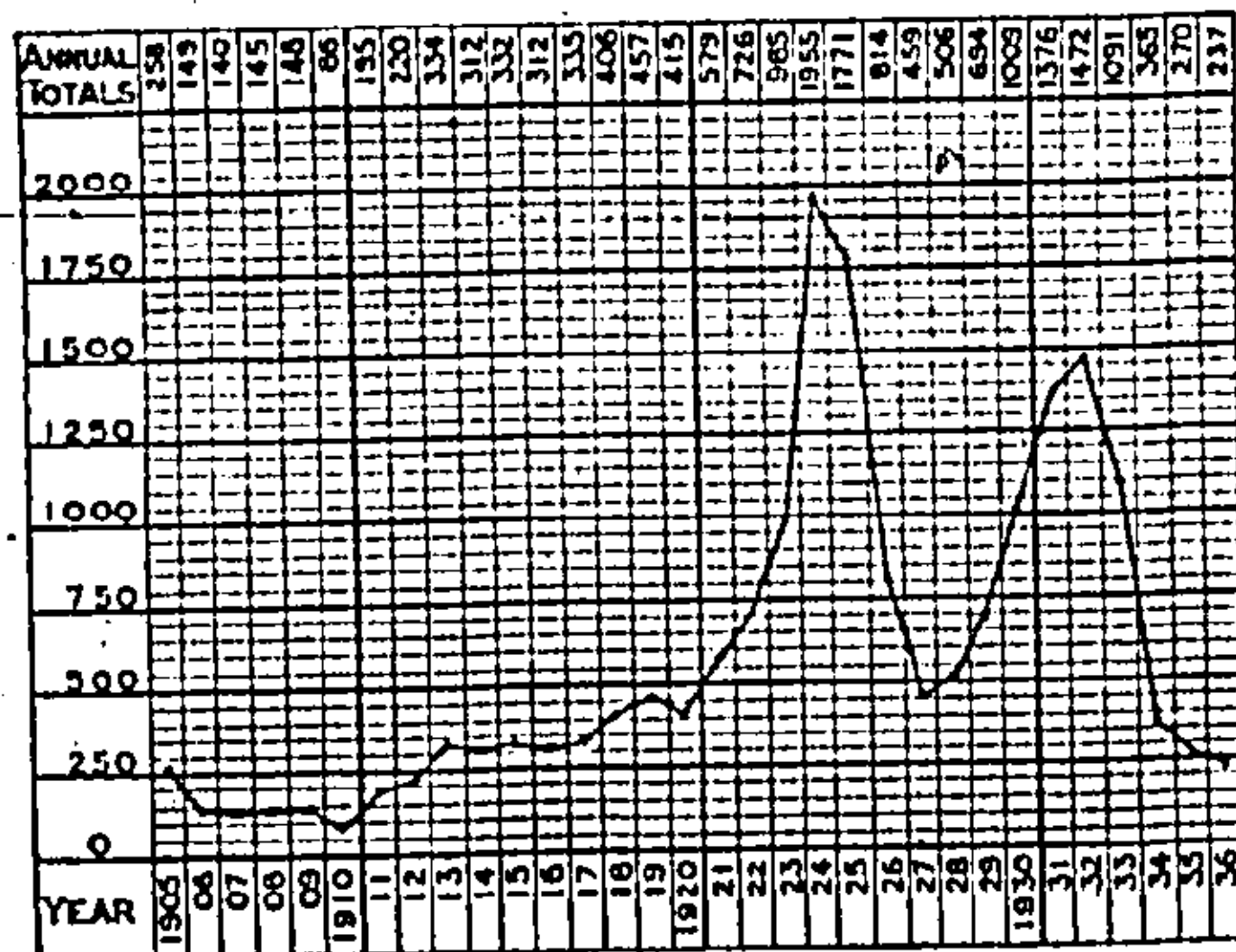
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Air Raids

THIS newspaper respectfully but firmly disagrees with a morning contemporary, which attacks as ridiculous the Government's plans for mass evacuation of the population to the New Territories in the event of an emergency. The efficacy of evacuation has been proven beyond all doubt in Spain and in China.

An enemy is not going to waste expensive bombs on refugee camps when there are more fruitful objectives, and the parts of Hongkong that will suffer will be the overcrowded tenement areas on the island and mainland.

Since, as Wing Commander Steele-Perkins admits, there is no method of protecting these tenements from bombers, the obvious course is to empty them.

Our contemporary attacks the plan on the grounds that it cannot be carried into effect unless a fleet of liners is to be employed to convey the island population across the harbour, unless ample food kitchens are to be available at short notice, and unless an army of robots is to be trained to carry on the work of the Colony. We are in a position to reveal that a fleet—not of liners but of launches and other smaller ships—is available to carry civilians across the harbour at a moment's notice, and that plans have been prepared for over twelve months for setting up camps and food kitchens to care for refugees. Finally, the Government plans do not envisage a complete evacuation of population, but an evacuation of that part of the population not engaged in essential services.

We believe that, in following the examples of Spain and China in arranging for evacuation in time of emergency, the Government is acting wisely. But at the same time we intend to go on demanding deep shelters and tunnels as the only adequate method of protection for that considerable part of the population which will have to remain in the built-up areas. We know that they are expensive—so is everything connected with defence—but, cheap as human life is sometimes regarded in this part of the world, it is not so cheap that everything possible should not be done to protect it.

We would suggest that some of the refugees who are costing the Government thousands of dollars a day for maintenance could be employed in helping to make the Colony a safe place to live in in war-time. It has been said that there is no point in setting an unemployed man to dig a hole in the ground. Well, now there is a point, and an urgent one.

The Harvest

THE BRITISH guarantees for a loan of £10,000,000 by Hong-kong and Chinese banks for the purpose of stabilising China's currency, coming so soon on top of the recent Anglo-American credits, indicates that the democracies are no longer prepared to take the Japanese policy of economic exclusion lying down.

There is every indication, indeed, that the position in China is rapidly approaching a point that bodes ill for Japan's future ascendancy. In addition to the already-announced aid from Britain and the United States, it seems possible that France will create large credits as a reply to Japan's action in invading Hainan Island, and there are also possibilities that Britain and America have by no means made their final gesture. Japan, in short, is beginning to reap the harvest of a rough-and-ready policy that has antagonised the nations that count.

MINORCA
of the EAST

 by
Harry GREGSON

EMERGING FROM the mists like a giant tortoise with its head buried in the waves, avoided by large ships on account of its reputation for fog and sudden squalls, lies the little known island of Hainan, the occupation of which by the Japanese is a vital threat to British, French and American interests in the Far East.

Yet, although the interior of this mountainous and jungle-covered island, about the size of Belgium, is largely unexplored, it has claims to fame apart from its strategic situation.

IT HAS been referred to as "The Siberia of China," for to Hainan were banished exiles from the Chinese Empire. Among them was one of the earliest experimenters in Socialism Su Tung-Po, now the legendary hero of the inhabitants. Su Tung-Po lived during the reign of Emperor Shen-Tsung. His banishment followed differences with the Prime Minister. In three years, from 1098-1100, this early Socialist pioneer taught the people letters and court dialect and shrines to his memory are found at frequent points in the coastal districts.

In the matter of trial marriages, Hainan preceded the United States by centuries. When a youth casts his eyes on a girl whom he thinks might make a suitable wife, the parents build a bachelor house for their daughter. If the couple get on well together, they are married. If not, they part. It is claimed that marriages in Hainan are very successful.

HAINAN WAS known to Alexander Selkirk, hero of Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe," who called at Yu-Ling Kang, one of the main harbours, on his way home after his years of exile on San Juan Fernandez.

Hainan is also known to the British Navy, which has had many a hard fought encounter with pirates, who preyed on shipping from the rocky lairs of the dangerous coasts.

The existence of the island is first acknowledged in history by the Chinese in the years 245-210 B.C.

About 100 years afterwards, Lu-Po-Teh, the Chinese general, brought a huge force over in junks to subjugate the islanders. He found people totally different from the Chinese. Their eyes were not oblique, their skins were copper-coloured. They had high cheek bones, were almost beardless, and had long black straight hair.

Lu-Po-Teh's men used their swords against the bows and arrows of the aborigines, led by their lop eared chief. When the island was conquered, the Chinese divided it into two main provinces—Tan-Urh (or Drooping Ear) in the south, and Chu Yai (or Pearl Shore) in the north.

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TO-DAY three distinct races are found in Hainan. They are the Chinese immigrants, civilised aborigines, or Shu-Li, and the wild aborigines in the remote unexplored interior, known as Sheng-Li, totalling in all 2½ millions souls in a land about the size of Belgium.

Kublai Khan reconquered Hainan later, the inhabitants of which have always resisted, especially in the south, Chinese soldiery.

In 1680, a courageous Jesuit priest, Benoit de Mathos, went to the island. He found the natives with curious customs, many of which continue to-day.

"Dry" mourning is the fashion in Hainan. It is "not done" to cry at a funeral. Sorrow is displayed by swallowing huge quantities of raw meat, the coffin is a hollow tree trunk, and, after the body has been put in, the mourning procession is preceded by a native who strows eggs in its path. When an egg does not break, that is the burial spot.

Father de Mathos also for

blood feuds, which exist also plentifully to-day among the aborigines. Blood feuds descend from father to son. Revenge is a sacred duty.

There are numerous Christian graves on Hainan.

IN 1875 the island was ceded to Portugal, but the Portuguese returned it to China. An island, so frequently visited by earthquakes and with such a dangerous coast, was of little use to them.

Rice, cotton, sugar and indigo are cultivated along the coastal regions and in the north. The island is also noted for a very early-flavoured tea, which the inhabitants call "Celestial" tea, and its popular cattle, among them albino buffaloes.

It will be something new for the inhabitants to handle bags of cement for the Japanese. The invaders are reported to have conscripted all civilians and to have begun building large aerodromes.

A PERMANENT Japanese occupation of Hainan would constitute a permanent threat to Hongkong, French Indo-China and trade routes to Australia and the Far East.

Indeed, because of its strategic situation, it has been termed the "Minorca of the Far East," and like Minorca's Port Mahon, Hainan has an excellent naval harbour, Yu-Ling Kang, which was used by the Russian Imperial Fleet on its way to fight the Japanese fleet.

All the principal centres of French Indo-China are dominated completely from Hainan. It is only 260 miles from Hanoi, 480 from Saigon and 500 from the new French naval base of Camran Bay.

JAPANESE AIR bases on Hainan would bring Hongkong, Manila and Singapore within reach of bombers while, as a submarine base, Hainan could scarcely be excelled for our Far Eastern trade routes.

So important is the island to the security of French Indo-China that China agreed with France in 1897 never to cede the island to a third Power, and Britain has repeatedly last year warned Japan that occupation of Hainan by Japanese forces could give rise to undesirable complications.

Hainan is the latest pawn in the Japanese effort to obtain non-intervention in China by the Western Powers. With a "Japanese" Hainan, Japan can

 As They
 See It
 Abroad

 "WHO GOES
 THERE?"

[The Washington Post]


TILLIE TAKES A
LETTER

 by
N. B. W.

THIS RAW AND misty morning Tillie, as she skims the broad and whitened steps of the V.B., has something of the aspect of a slightly enraged kitten, her rounded little chin sunk into the cosy depths of her fur, dark blue eyes smouldering.

Tillie's maternal desire to scratch and bite has been fired by the appearance upon an already overburdened wall of another couple of glaring but plaintively worded entreaties from the management, the silkiness of which does not by any manner of means deceive:

"Will residents please . . ."

"Members are again reminded that . . ."

POSSIBLY TILLIE'S conscience prickles as regards the use of current (toast can be made by various clandestine methods). Anyhow, her equilibrium has been entirely unbalanced by a scrambled breakfast, itself necessitated by the customary nerve-exhaust-

more easily exert pressure on France to cease munitions traffic on the Tonkin-Yunnan railway between French Indo-China and China.

JAPAN HAS given an assurance, the sincerity of which is negated by outspoken statements by her military leaders, that the occupation of Hainan is not permanent.

But the fate of this Minorca the Far East seems likely to depend, like Minorca nearer Britain, on what effective action Britain and France, with possibly the United States, can take to remove a dire threat to their interests.

GRIN AND BEAR IT

By Lichty



"Don't you find it awfully monotonous doing nothing in school all day?"

ing manoeuvring for a chance at a bathroom.

But she trips off, dangerously inalter to the needs of passing traffic, down the hill and offwards.

Up in the lift she goes, with a pleasant "Good Morning" to the skinny little operator; even her temporarily feline mood sweetens before the wide and implish grin of the sloppily-uniformed little mannikin.

"Hallo, lassies and lads! Anybody here?"

"No, Til, Jimmie's not here and Ponto won't be—come to Mincio—ponies, I bet—can't be refugees." "Oke!" and she disappears into the attenuated dressingroom, flings off her outside gear, dabs a pert and upturned nose; and so to work.

Off with a clatter comes the cover of the Underwood, yesterday's dust is perfunctorily blown off.

She gazes disconsolately at the flimsy basket.

"Just as soon as I get these things spread out all over the place, somebody will want something you'll see."

"Well, they've got to be done, let's do them together."

The two girls proceed amicably to sort their letters into order, inconspicuously chatting—and this manoeuvre required a considerable rearrangement of elbowroom.

"Bzz-Bzz!"

"There! I told you so, Doris, is it for you or for me? ME!"

"All right, Til, I'll get on with it and scarce interferences away!"

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TILLIE SNATCHES notebook

and pencil, casts a glance into the diminutive wall-mirror, and trips into the inner partner's well-found and comfortable office.

"Morning, Miss Tebborough. Must get down to it to-day. Want to write to that chap, Peterson first. 'John Peterson, Esq., 540' Oh! here you are, take his letter. 'John Peterson, Esq., Dear Sir, we are in receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, and note that you are unable to say note with regret please come to terms with the local Company full stop' 'Telegraph'."

"There-a-lin! "

"Hallo! Eddystone speaking. No, sorry can't be done. Sorry. Love to the Missus. What? Right-o?"

"Where did we get to? Better read it, please."

"Well, does so, disentangling and diplomatically omitting the various interjections. She has been endeavouring to recall the pedantic admonitions of the 'efficiency' exercises—always genuine interested in the subject at hand" (he she connected to an interest in these semi-con-

stantial, familiar affairs). "Don't stare vacantly out of a window when a blithe occurs in the dictation!"

"Thank! Um-er. . . . Company—comes to terms with the local company with regard to the fitting up of the new factory, full stop. You will remember that he thought that the latest 'report' stated—"

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RECORD R.A.F. ESTIMATES INTRODUCED: £250,000 A DAY

Aircraft Production Shows 400 Per Cent. Increase Since 1938

LONDON, MAR. 9.

INTRODUCING THE AIR ESTIMATES, TOTALLING £205,000,000 IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS TO-DAY, SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, THE AIR MINISTER, GRAPHICALLY ILLUSTRATED THE GROWTH OF THE AIR FORCE.

He disclosed that the present figure was twelve times greater than in any year from 1929 to 1934, and double the aggregate of expenditure on the three defence services for the financial year of 1932-33.

This year's increase of £74,000,000 in the air estimates equals the total defence estimates for 1913.

The biggest single item is £93,000,000 for aircraft and balloons.

Thirty-five R.A.F. companies, and an auxiliary territorial service for women were being formed.

INCREASED PERSONNEL

It was expected that the air force programme would necessitate a further 20,000 in personnel this year.

It was proposed to increase the total personnel to 102,000.

Greater progress than anticipated had been made in the delivery of air force engines, the construction of stations and factories, and extension of the balloon barrage scheme.

The appeal in June for 31,000 pilots, observers, airmen and boys during the present financial year had been excellent, and the figure was passed last week (Cherry).

The quality of the recruits was excellent.

RESERVE FORCES

The estimates included provision for reserve flying and auxiliary forces. Thirty-three centres had been formed in urban areas, and it was hoped to organise 20 more in the coming year.

It was decided to extend the reserve flying and training organisation overseas, and he hoped it would be possible to form sections, for example in Malaya, Hongkong, and East Africa to enable local residents to qualify for the volunteer reserve.

Referring to the balloon defence scheme, the Minister said that the barrage in London could now be operated should the occasion demand. He hoped that all other barrages throughout the country would be completed by the end of the year.

The civil air guard had over 1,400 members possessing flying licences, and 3,800 undergoing flying training. The standard of airmanship was higher than ever before. By April 1, the number of first-line aircraft at Home would reach 1,750.

30 SQUADRONS OVERSEAS

There were now thirty squadrons established overseas, and seven more were to be formed in accordance with the programme to increase the overseas strength to 500 first-line aircraft.

Referring to new aircraft, Sir Kingsley Wood said that the British bomber and fighter forces were the best in the world. They had not abandoned traditional reliance on the value of counter-offensive as an essential element of strategy.

A powerful striking force was not only a strong deterrent to attack, but a vital component in any sound system of air defence.

The developments of recent years had reduced the supremacy of the offensive, and had added to the strength of the defensive in the air, but that did not mean that they could rely for defence on fighter aircraft and ground defences alone. All the eleven factories established under the shadow scheme were now operating.

Sir Kingsley Wood announced a new development in the organisation of aircraft production. Three or four firms would be formed into a group and orders placed for one type of aircraft to be distributed among this group, which facilitated large-scale planning and ordering and would also reduce dislocation that might result in a war if one of the manufacturers was unable to continue production. It would also reduce the number of designs.

INCREASED PRODUCTION

Production was proceeding on a rapidly increasing basis. Britain was now spending £250,000 daily on the production of aircraft alone, and that figure would rise still further, added Sir Kingsley Wood.

The Air Minister recalled that in November he estimated that by next year aircraft output would show a 400 per cent. increase over May, 1938. He was now hopeful that the increase would be achieved by the end of the present year.

In conclusion, he emphasised that the estimates he presented, but necessary, as they believed them to be one of the best means of preventing war. They looked forward to the time when reasonable and sane courses would prevail throughout the world. —Reuter.

NO LIBERAL LABOUR OPPOSITION

London, Mar. 9. In the House of Commons, neither

Mr. Hugh Dalton, nor Sir Hugh Sney who followed Sir Kingsley Wood, objected to his estimates on behalf of the Labour and Liberal parties, though they criticised his statement in detail.

They both expressed concern whether the rate of expansion of British air power was yet sufficient in face of Germany's rate of expansion. Mr. Dalton also doubted if taxpayers were getting full value for their money, and spoke of profiteering.

In this connection the Secretary for Air had announced in the course of his speech that in view of the results of a special investigation, it appeared desirable to modify in some respects the terms of the present agreements with aircraft manufacturers, and the aircraft industry had invited a well-known accountant, Sir William McClintock to undertake an immediate review of the operation of the agreement. —British Wireless.

CURRENCY RESTRICTION

Last-Minute Change In Japanese Plan

PEIPING, MAR. 9.

A LAST-MINUTE change in the plan to make the old national currency illegal in North China as from March 11 was made to-day.

The "Provisional Government" has announced that from March 11, North China would be divided into two zones for currency purposes, a Federal Reserve zone and a "Bandit" zone.

The Federal Reserve zone is limited to eleven towns in Hopei, Shanxi, and Honan, including Peiping, Tientsin, Tsingtau, and Chefoo, in which people found carrying old currency would be liable to a fine and property confiscation after March 11.

The order says that circulation of the Federal Reserve currency would be extended to other places as the Japanese military operations extend. —Reuter.

Appropriation Of Oil Wells

Negotiations In Mexico City

MEXICO CITY, MAR. 9.

MR. RICHBERG, representative of foreign oil concerns in negotiations with President Cardenas regarding compensation for the expropriation of foreign oil property, made a statement to-day after a second conference with President Cardenas.

The statement reveals that the different methods of arriving at a solution of the expropriated oil fields in dispute were discussed. Mr. Richberg will meet President Cardenas at 8 p.m. to-morrow, after meeting Senor Majera, the Mexican Ambassador to Washington to-morrow morning.

To-day's discussion was continued in the same amicable spirit, said Mr. Richberg, adding: "I feel that further progress was made." —Reuter.

Yugo-Slav Tribute To Britain

Belgrade, Mar. 9. M. Cincarmarkovich, the Yugo-Slavian Foreign Minister, paid a remarkable tribute to Britain in the course of a debate in Parliament to-day, when he said:

"The magnificent efforts of the British Government, made with such perseverance in the cause of general peace and appeasement are followed by our Government and the whole nation. Our sincere and earnest desire is that these noble efforts in the future, as in the past, will be crowned with success."

The statement was loudly cheered by all sections of the House. —Reuter Special.

MADRID BOMBED BY LOYALIST PLANES!

(Continued from Page 1.)

and erected barricades near Canillejas in order to intercept these reinforcements.

Other troops of General Mija are said to be marching on Madrid from Valencia. Some of the troops are reported to be already in firing distance of the capital, and to be bombarding the Communist positions in the immediate vicinity of the city.

Another report says that General Franco has decided to hasten his offensive against Madrid in view of the growing chaos there. —Trans-Ocean.

BLOCKADE OF COAST

London, Mar. 9.

The British Government's attitude to General Franco's blockade of the Spanish coast on the Mediterranean was outlined to-day by Viscount Halifax when replying to the debate on Spain in the House of Lords.

He said that the text of the note announcing the blockade, of which the Government had advised all British shipping, contained no indication of any action against shipping outside territorial waters, and the Government assumed that such action was not contemplated.

He wished to make it plain that if action was taken outside of territorial waters, His Majesty's Government would be obliged to resist such action as had been done, in the past.

SERIOUS MATTER

He must also make it perfectly clear that the Government would regard as a very serious matter the sinking of a British merchantman even within territorial waters, especially if due warning had not been given and adequate steps taken for the safety of the crew.

His Majesty's ships had been instructed to give all necessary protection to vessels which might be the objects of such attacks and to retaliate even inside territorial waters against any submarine taking such an indefensible action. —Reuter.

TO WRITE MEMOIRS

San Sebastian, Mar. 9.

According to a Burgos report, ex-President Manuel Azana succeeded in taking a considerable amount of documentary material out of Spain, which will be used as an illuminating background to the former President's memoirs.

It is said that much of the material is compromising evidence against the former Premier, Dr. Negrin and his close friends. —Trans-Ocean.

ULTIMATUM

London, Mar. 9.

The Exchange Lisbon correspondent reports from Burgos that General Franco has not received any offers of peace negotiations from Madrid.

He is resolved, therefore, to order 300 Nationalist planes to fly over the city and drop ultimatum leaflets declaring that if Madrid is not surrendered immediately violent bombardments of all places where Republican forces are concentrated will be carried out within 24 hours. —United Press.

FRENCH REACTION

Paris, Mar. 9.

Since France has recognised the Nationalist Government in Spain it is felt at the Quai d'Orsay that there is nothing to be said against the blockade of the Republican Spanish coast within Spanish waters by the Franco warships.

However, there is cautious expression of opinion about such cases in which vessels sailing under foreign flags, for example French merchant steamers, which attempt to reach Republican ports and are sunk without warning by the Nationalist fleet. A report was circulated to-day that a French merchant steamer, loaded with foodstuffs had been sunk on the Republican Spanish coast by Nationalist warships, but officials could not confirm this. —Trans-Ocean.

BRITISH SHIP RUNS BLOCKADE

London, Mar. 9.

The Spanish Relief Committee reports that the British ship Stangate, with a cargo of foodstuffs, successfully ran the Franco blockade, and is now unloading in Valencia harbour.

It is stated that a British warship intercepted the voyage to warn the Stangate's captain of the blockade. —Reuter Special.

REBELLION SPREADS

Burgos, Mar. 9.

It seems clear from messages reaching here that the Communists are making no determined bid to overthrow General Mija, not only in Madrid and Valencia, but in other cities.

Murcia, Jaen and Ciudadreal are mentioned, but it is reported that the Mija (unta) holds the upperhand in these cities.

Clara is apparently resigning in Madrid, and it is believed here that the Nationalist offensive on the capital is now not likely to be long delayed. —Reuter.

U.S. Credits For Brazil Close Economic Collaboration

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9.

AN EXCHANGE of notes calling for close economic collaboration has been made between the United States and Brazil, signed by Mr. Cordell Hull and Senor Aranha.

The two countries agree in freeing the Brazilian exchange market for commerce from the United States, the establishment of a Brazilian National Bank, and the resumption of payments on Brazil's dollar debts.

The United States Exports and Imports Bank will extend credits not exceeding \$10,000,000 to the Bank of Brazil to enable the Brazilian Government to discontinue official control over foreign exchange operations.

At the same time, the State Department announced that President Roosevelt would recommend that Congress place at Brazil's disposal gold up to \$50,000,000 to serve as assets for the Central Reserve Bank which Brazil is creating.

The amount drawn would be from Brazil's future production of gold. Senor Aranha announced that Brazil intended to resume payments on her dollar debts starting in July 1. —Reuter.

Boxer Indemnity

74 CONTRACTS FOR BRITISH MATERIAL

LONDON, MAR. 9.

THE ANNUAL MEETING of the Chinese Purchasing Commission was held this afternoon in the Chinese Embassy, when the Chinese Ambassador, Mr. Quo Tai-chi presided in the presence of Sir Ralph Wedgwood, Mr. A. R. Guinness, Mr. C. A. McEuen, Lord Riverdale, and C. C. Wang.

A happy spirit of optimism prevailed at the meeting, and the Ambassador was warmly congratulated on the completion of the currency stabilisation fund.

Although the Commission's purchases in the past year were much curtailed by the war, 74 contracts were placed to the total value of £182,034.

These were mostly of an interesting nature, such as £25,000 worth of telegraph and telephone equipment for development in South-West China, and in the latter half of the year a £30,000 order was placed for railway equipment, and negotiations opened for rails and material for the Burin-Yunnan railway.

TOTAL £5,266,783

Since the Commission began operations in 1931, its purchases in Britain total £5,266,783. Administrative expenses amounting to £48,439, or 18s. 9d. for every £100. These expenses were covered nearly four times by investment profits.

At the close of the year the total sum of £78,993 stood to the credit of the Commission's current account and fixed deposits.

The Commission was instrumental during the past year in placing 43 Chinese students with British engineering and shipbuilding firms for practical training. —Reuter.

German Reaction To Speech

Berlin, Mar. 9.

An inspired statement regarding Mr. Here Belsham's speech yesterday, declares that Germany is less interested in the facts of British rearmament than in the mentality which appears to express itself by the speech.

It is regarded as peculiar that Britain announces preparations for the transport of 10 divisions to France, seeing that Germany does not entertain aggressive intentions towards France, and is known to have any aggressive intentions towards

Oxford Sets New Trial Record

London, Mar. 9.

The Oxford boat-club crew enhanced their prospects of beating Cambridge again this year, when to-day they set a new record in a trial row from Chiswick Steps to Barnes Bridge, which is one mile and 822 yards in distance.

They did the row in three minutes 40 seconds, beating the previous best by no less than four minutes. —Reuter.

overthrow General Mija, not only in Madrid and Valencia, but in other cities.

Murcia, Jaen and Ciudadreal are mentioned, but it is reported that the Mija (unta) holds the upperhand in these cities. Clara is apparently resigning in Madrid, and it is believed here that the Nationalist offensive on the capital is now not likely to be long delayed. —Reuter.

HINT OF NEW TAX

Bond Restrictions In England

LONDON, MAR. 9.

THE NEWS that official notices have been sent to importers restricting withdrawals of ex-bond tea, sugar and tobacco, is regarded in City circles as a pre-Budget measure, but prominent interests are of the opinion that the notices do not necessarily anticipate increased taxation.

On the contrary, possibility of one or other of these commodities coming in for increased taxation is in no way ruled out.

It is also possible that the restriction may have been imposed as a precautionary measure to safeguard consumers against unwarranted speculation in connection with the Budget.

It is held likely that the Chancellor of the Exchequer, realising the burden of armaments are so far borne exclusively by the higher income groups, may consider the time has come when the population at large should be made to share the cost of the country's defences.

Consideration of this kind may cause Sir John Simon to tax some of the more widely consumed commodities.

Tea circles are not unduly perturbed, expressing confidence that tea will not be chosen for additional taxation.

Nevertheless, "Reuter" understands that a deputation from the Tea Buyers Association is at present endeavouring to clarify the position at a conference with the authorities. —Reuter.



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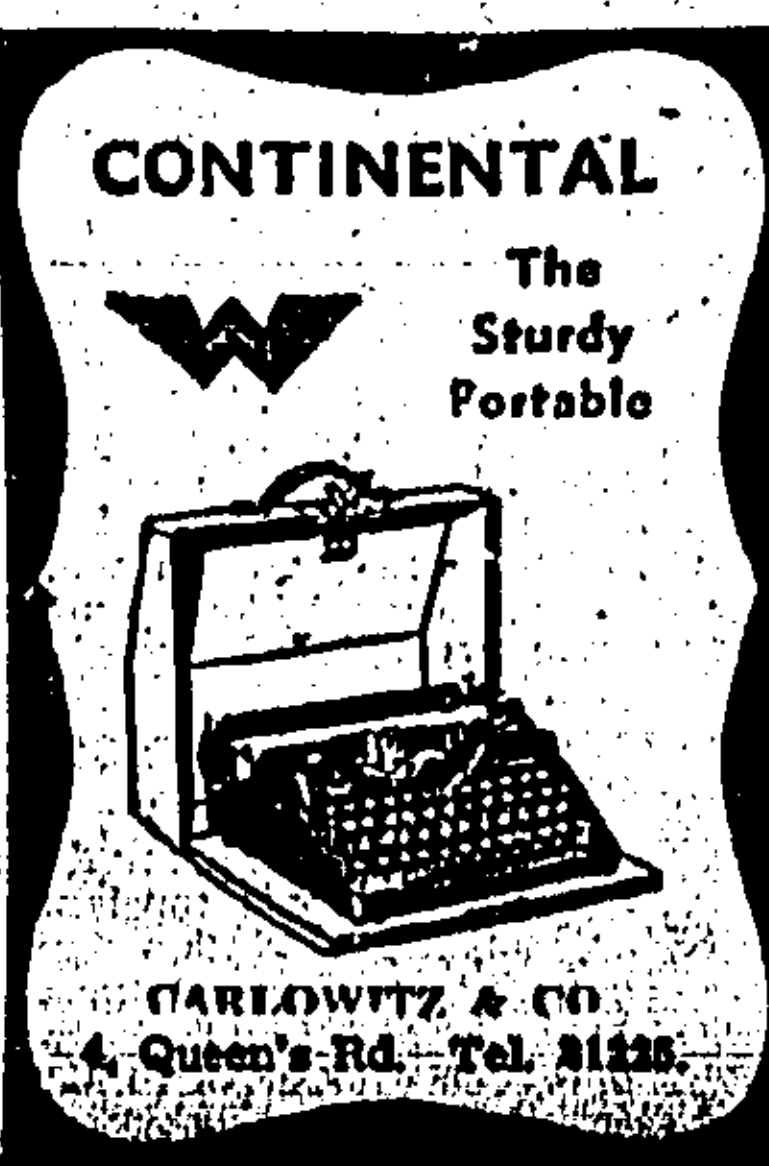
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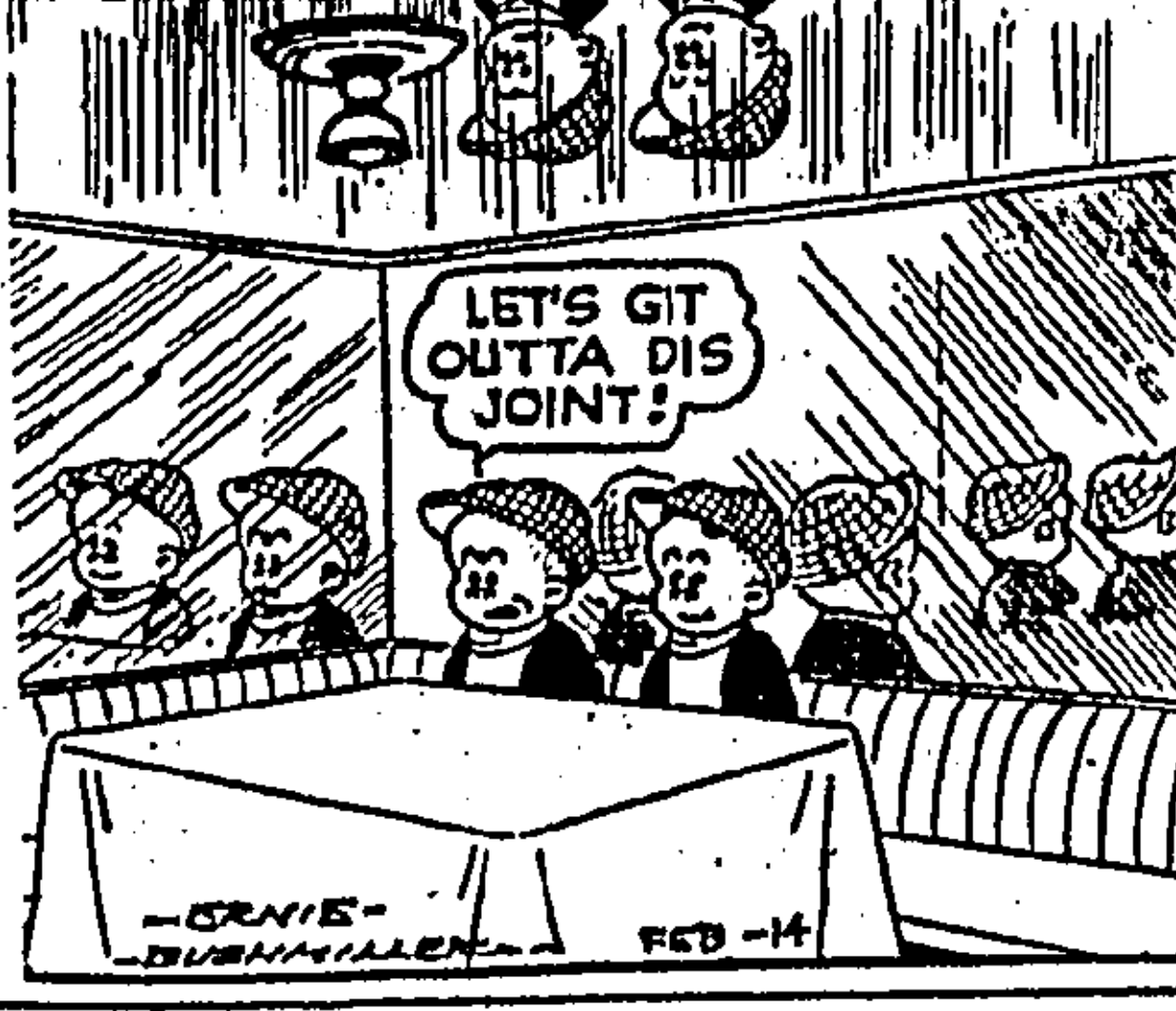
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Good Entries Received For Fanling Meet

Governor's Cup The Main Race Of Day

(By "Captain Foster")

The penultimate meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, to be held at Kwanti on Sunday, has drawn very satisfactory entries. The major contest is the Governor's Cup, which is a hurdle race for China ponies, bona-fide hunters, and the winner of this main bout will receive a cup presented by His Excellency the Governor, who together with Lady Northcote will attend the meeting.

For the convenience of the racing the fact that starters must be deposited there will be a special train-landed on the forms provided in the at 1.08 p.m., to Fanling and return Weighing Room before 2.15 o'clock at 0.30 p.m., to Kowloon. The rail-for the first race and for all sub-way first class return fare is \$2 in-sequent races 45 minutes before the closing admission to the Racecourse scheduled starting time.

Admission to the Public Enclosure There are six interesting races on is \$1 including tax and Service Men the programme and the first is in uniform are charged at half price advertised to run off at 2.45 p.m., Attention of owners is drawn to sharp.

"Capt. Foster" Reviews Prospects Of Each Race

THE opening event will be the Lo Wu Handicap, which is a steeplechase for China ponies over a jump of 1 1/4 miles. Ebony Idol, the winner of this year's Grand National, has been set with the highest impost of 168 lbs. while Diogenes and Zero have been treated with liberal allowances. There is no denying that Ebony Idol is the best chaser, but with due respect to his capability I fancy Zero will turn the tables as the distance of the jump is shorter by half a mile than when they clashed in the Fanling Grand National. Diogenes is also to be considered, for in the Talpo Handicap over 1 1/4 miles, run on Boxing Day, this blackie belonging to Mr. M. H. Turner gave "Li-Col. Dowbiggin" a good walloping. However, a good race is assured.

WE shall certainly see a good field for the main bout, the Governor's Cup, a hurdle contest over 1 1/4 miles and the event is to be ridden by "beef steak" jockeys, all carrying 168 lbs. As the good 'uns have been barred, Mortmain should have an easy passage as he ran a good race behind Pinfarthings in the Fox Hunters' Plate at the last meeting. Clowner and Public Hero No. 1 should fill the minor positions. It was not a bad China guy over the flights, but one has to give a little discount for his old age and I think it would be advisable to leave him out of the show. However, I personally like March Brown as I firmly believe that he has the makings of a good hurdler and the pony's superiority of speed over others in short distance events is a great asset.

AFTER a strenuous week at Happy Valley trying to collect a few dollars to provide for their upkeep, a good few unplaced China ponies, subscription griffins of this season, have been nominated for the New-comers' Plate and it is a sprint over half mile. There are 13 entries, none of them having been placed at the Annual Race Meeting and spotting the winner is not an easy job. However Alpha, Avalon and Pall Mall are about the best among this lot. Tiger Eyes is recommended for big money.

SELECTIONS BY "CAPT. FOSTER"

LO WU HANDICAP

Zero
Ebony Idol
Diogenes

MELBOURNE CUP

Teviotdale
Spark Plug
Glorious Star

GOVERNOR'S CUP

March Brown
Mortmain
Clowner

NEWCOMERS' PLATE

Avalon
Alpha
Pall Mall

OLDTIMERS' HANDICAP

Royal Highness
Plain View
Gold Sovereign

THE Oldtimers' Handicap, which is a flat race over a mile for China ponies classified as "D" class, has attracted ten Happy Valley runners. I have been trying my level best to "get a line" on all the ponies entered for this event, but I much regret that I had to give up the search as a hopeless task, and I therefore strongly recommend punters to follow the ranking list of the handicapper. Royal Highness holds the post of honour with 155 lbs. and the mare is followed by Plain View who has to carry only 155 lbs. In my estimation Gold Sovereign is nicely weighted with an allowance of 10 lbs. under the scale weight of 14.1 pony, but Good Morning looks tempting at 14.5 lbs. and furthermore he ran a good second in his last outing at Kwanti. Tribute must weigh out with blinkers and in the circumstances one never knows when he will be in earnest of making up his mind to run. \$5 each way is not a bad gamble.

THE last contest on the card will be a scurry (unofficial) over four furlongs for China ponies that have started at this meeting and not won. "D" class riders are barred. Readers must therefore use their own discretion owing to post entries. My selections for the first five events are as follows:



"Are there any more at home like you?" sighs Herbert Marshall to his favourite music hall entertainer, Claudette Colbert, in "Zaza" their new picture, opening on Saturday at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres. "No, not like me," answers the mischievous Claudette, who plays the famed turn-of-the-century heart-breaker in the lavish Paramount production.

Golf

Starting Times At Fanling

The following are the starting times at Fanling during the week-end:

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

2.00 H. G. Sheldon, I. H. Geare.
2.04 J. G. Cotterworth, B. J. Morahan.
2.08 L. C. F. Bellamy, J. Forbes.
2.12 I. F. Farnworth, J. B. Mackay.
2.16 A. C. Black, General Sutton.
2.20 V. Bell, T. Low.

SUNDAY

9.16 E. H. Williams, R. R. de Liesching.
9.20 D. Forbes, R. Young.
9.24 D. Forbes, R. Young.
9.28 R. Shirley, W. Bell.
9.32 A. E. Lissaman, F. Groves.
9.36 A. C. L. Bowker, W. Simmons.
9.40 A. C. Black, General Sutton.
9.44 A. N. and G. A. A. Macfadyen.
9.48 Cdr. Murray, N. J. Perrin.
9.52 D. H. Hobbs, J. H. Geare.
9.56 I. P. Tamworth, F. A. M. Elliott.
10.00 E. Davidson, A. Murdoch.
10.04 G. Gray, A. H. Guinness.
10.08 J. A. R. Selby, H. H. Mundy.
10.12 A. D. and D. Humphreys.
10.16 J. Penn, J. H. Collis.
10.20 E. Laidlaw, R. J. K. Walker.
10.24 T. F. R. Waters, H. G. Everest.
10.28 S. Major, H. W. Heath.
10.32 C. D. N. Walker, G. H. Huddell-Carre.
10.36 W. T. Oxall, H. F. Phillips.
10.40 M. G. Carruthers, J. L. C. Pearce.
10.44 D'Arcy Weatherbe, K. B. Morrison.
10.48 N. L. Evans, S. C. Feltham.
10.52 R. H. Gregory, M. S. Lloyd.
10.56 G. C. Worrall, E. T. McMullen.
11.00 P. Jackson, W. Sharpe.
11.04 W. Woodward, J. Harrop.
11.08 P. Welch, D. I. Bosquet.
11.12 K. S. Robertson, L. Jackson.
11.16 W. G. Shuman, H. R. Williamson.
11.20 F. C. Young, D. H. Clark.
11.24 F. D. Hunter, A. Pearce.
11.28 W. N. A. Smiley, C. Edge.

New Course

9.20 J. M. Pearson, A. C. Wheeler.
9.24 Mrs. Pearson, Mrs. Wheeler.
9.28 Mrs. Shirley, Mrs. Bell.
9.32 W. J. Richards, H. S. Rees.
9.36 Mrs. Perrin, Mrs. Murray.
9.40 Mrs. Carruthers, Mrs. Millett.
9.44 W. G. L. Dunbar, L. R. Andrews.
9.48 Mrs. Selby, Mrs. Sheldon.
9.52 J. H. and J. H. Sheldon.
9.56 C. J. Clackett, J. W. Mayhew.
10.00 G. B. S. Thomson, J. Forbes.
10.04 Mrs. Major, J. H. B. Lee.
10.08 M. P. Fox, J. G. Cotterworth.
10.12 Mrs. Smalley, Mrs. Baines.

ATTACHE CASE LOST

LI-CHU, J. N. N. Synnot, R.N., of H.M.S. Southampton, has reported that he lost an attache case containing books and papers while travelling between Hart Avenue and the Kowloon Ferry Wharf on Wednesday.

OUR SPELLING BEE? (See page 7) postman—strident—pontifical—pencil—stucco—

Czechs Win Table Tennis Championships

Cairo, Mar. 9. Czechoslovakia won the Swaythling Cup for men's national teams at the World's Table Tennis Championships held here, being undefeated.

Yugoslavia was second with one defeat and England third with two defeats. Eleven countries competed, these being England, France, Romania, Yugoslavia, Greece, India, Palestine, Lithuania, Czechoslovakia, Egypt and Luxembourg.

Hungary, winner of the 1938 championships, did not defend her title.—Trans-Ocean.

Huddersfield Win F. A. Replay

London, Mar. 9. In the F. A. Cup replay to-day, Huddersfield, playing away, defeated Blackburn R. by two goals to one.

Rotherham, also playing away, beat Hull by 2-0 in the northern section of the Third Division League.—Reuter.

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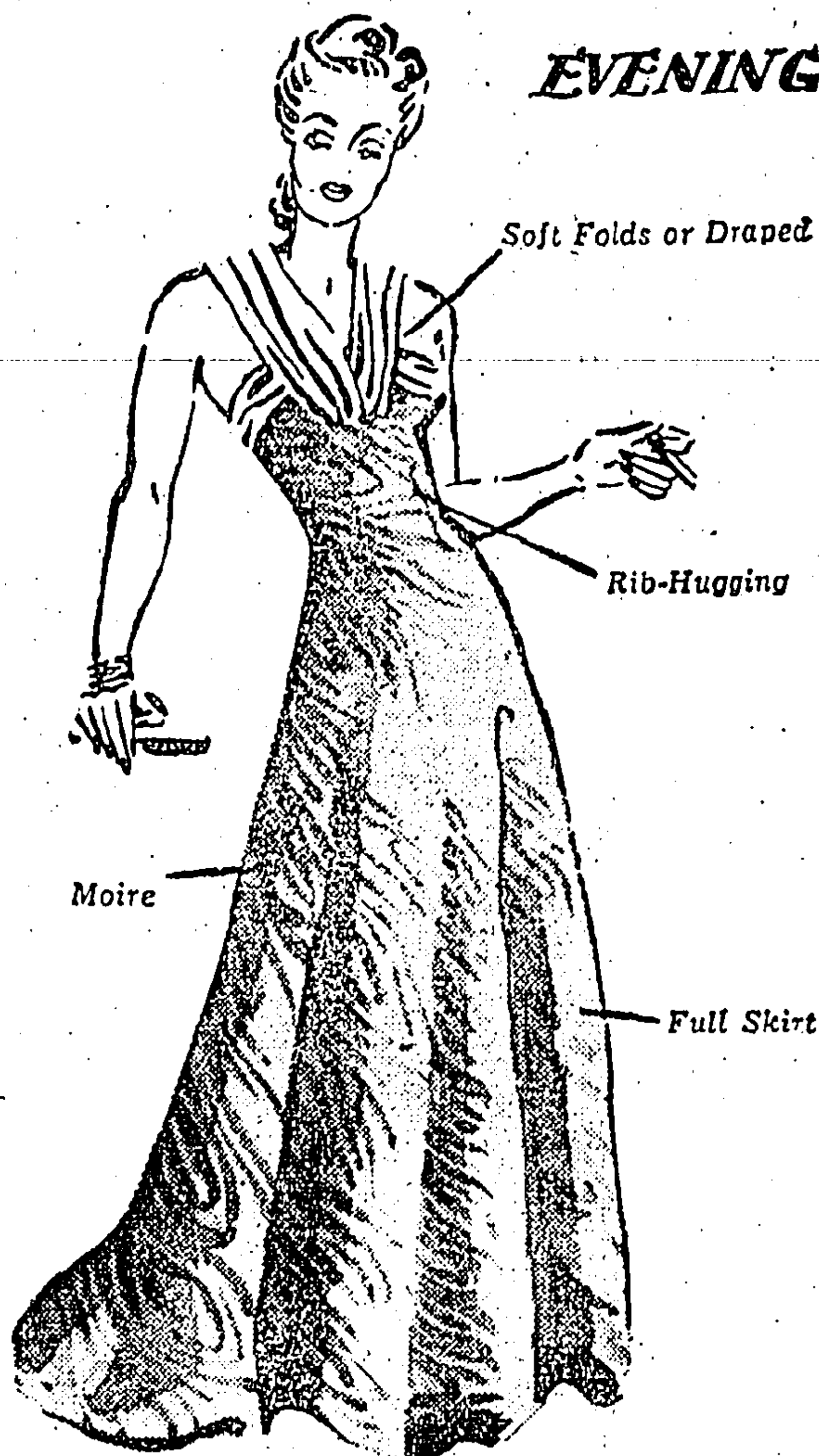
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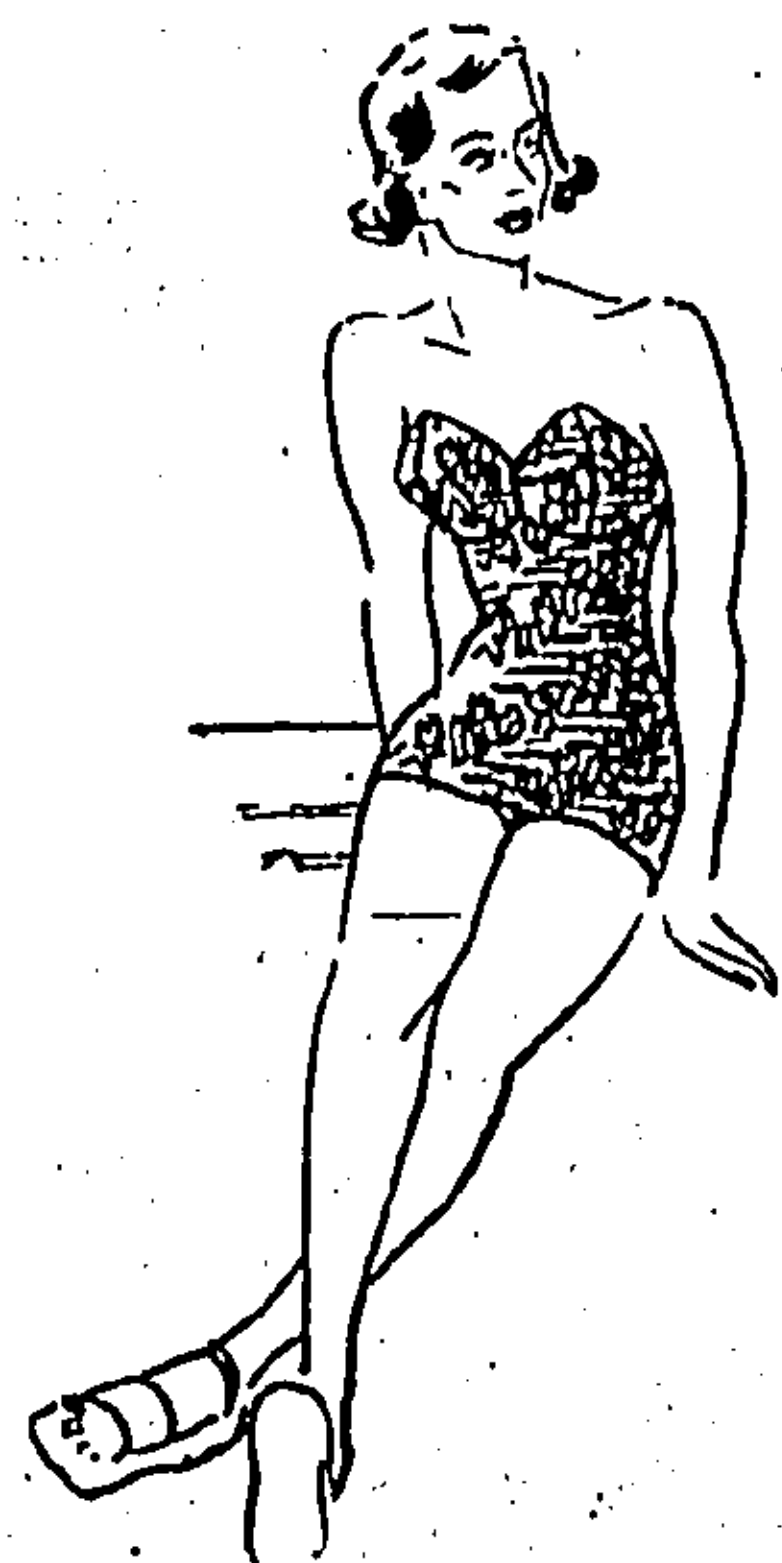
If feathers begin to ooze through the ticking it is time you made another cover. You can put a new ticking over the old. This will give your pillow a new lease of life.

The ideal "beauty" pillow is firm and just shoulder thick. A soft pillow, into which the head sinks deeply, is a trap for double chins!

When you want to arrange the pillows comfortably at an invalid's back always pile them flat on top of each other, so that she rests against the edges. Pillows arranged askant curl round at the ends, and constantly need adjusting.

Most people who have to sit up in bed for any length of time know what a comfort a pillow under the knees can be. The best way to arrange it is to roll the pillow in a sheet and tuck the sheet ends firmly under the mattress, to prevent it slipping.

A foot pillow inserted in the same way will prevent the invalid from gradually slipping down in the bed.



DAY

The Revival Of Smocking

WITH the present revival of period fashions, the old-time smocking, beloved by our grandmothers, has come back into favour. It is seen this season on many frocks, blouses, coats, children's garments, and it is also used in the furnishing world as a means of decoration for curtains, cushion covers, and similar soft furnishings.

Short muslin or silk curtains look very attractive with smocked headings worked in dainty shades of red and blue, green or yellow, and a charming finish for silk bolster cushions is to have the fullness gathered into bands of smocking worked in thick silk thread, the colour chosen being several shades darker than the cushions.

The newest draped dressing tables have their "petticoats" worked with smocked headings, and these look quaintly fascinating, especially in a country cottage type of bedroom.

Fall-Skirted Frocks

In the fashion world, full skirts smocked into the bodies of frocks made of any thin material, and completed by a touch of smocking round the neck and puff sleeves, are very popular this year, so are blouses of crepe-de-chine, smocked round the circular neck, waist, and sleeves. Smocking evening gowns, with tiny puff sleeves, or miniature shoulder capes have the shoulders smocked with heavy silk, toning with the frock.

Many of the latest afternoon frocks have deep hip yokes and shoulders smocked with silk, either to match, or in contrasting shades. These are novel and attractive, though, of course, only suitable for slim figures.

For small girls, the little smocked frocks that were popular when Queen Victoria was on the throne are very fashionable again. These smocked

yoke frocks are now in great request by mothers, and are most becoming.

Smocking is quite easy to do, especially with the help of our modern transfers, and in this way the home dressmaker can introduce a distinctive touch to her clothes that will give them quite a professional appearance. Briefly, smocking consists of running rows of gathers together, and oversewing them with silk embroidery thread.

Regularity of Spacing

These gathers require to be set very regularly, by means of rows of dots, about half an inch apart. Our grandmothers marked them out laboriously with pencil, but a better plan is to use a smocking transfer as this is not only easier, but ensures greater regularity. It should be ironed on the wrong side of the material, and then threads run along each row of dots. When these are pulled up, the gathers will fall into even pleats. They can then be worked in one of the numerous smocking stitches.

The old-fashioned feather-stitch is one of the simplest smocking stitches, and is very effective. If done regularly. Work as for ordinary feather-stitch, taking each stitch into a different pleat.

Single cable stitch is another popular form of smocking, and Vandyke stitch gives a quaintly pretty diamond effect. These are both easily learnt, and do not take long to do. When the smocking is completed, but not until then, the gathering threads can be pulled out. Smocking is a fascinating, as well as useful form of needlework, and as the worker gains skill and experience, she can undertake more elaborate patterns, and produce very effective results.

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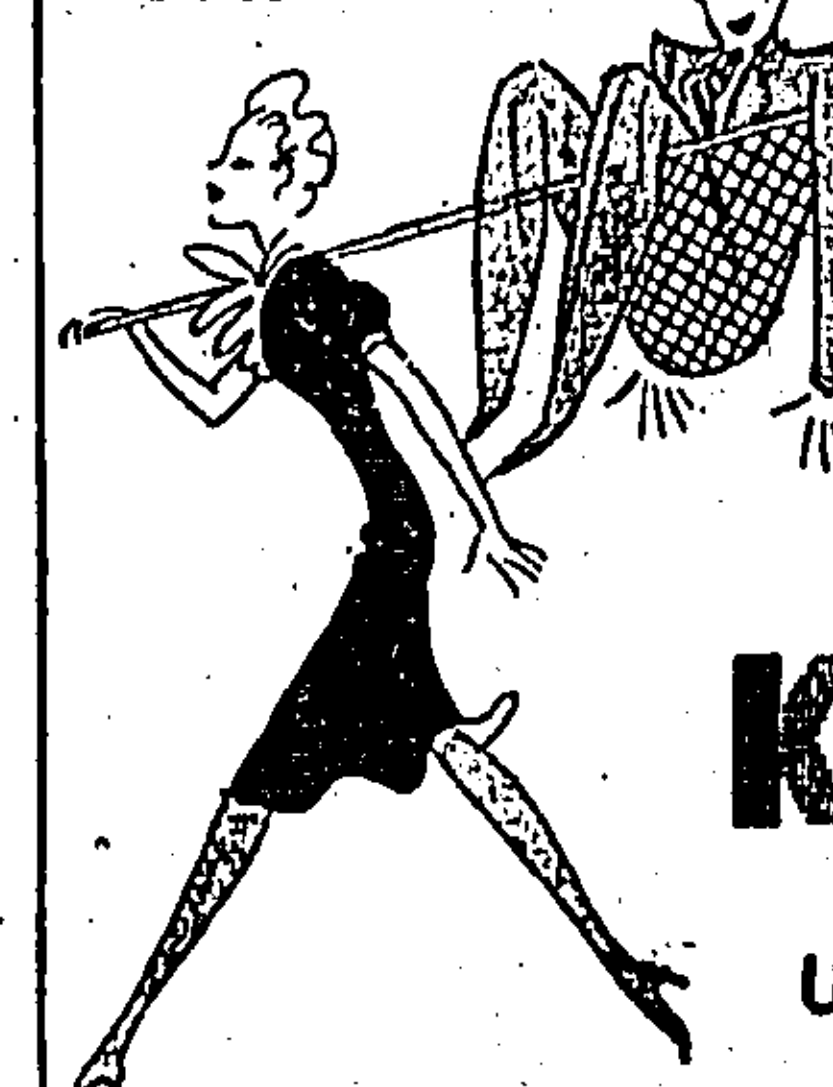
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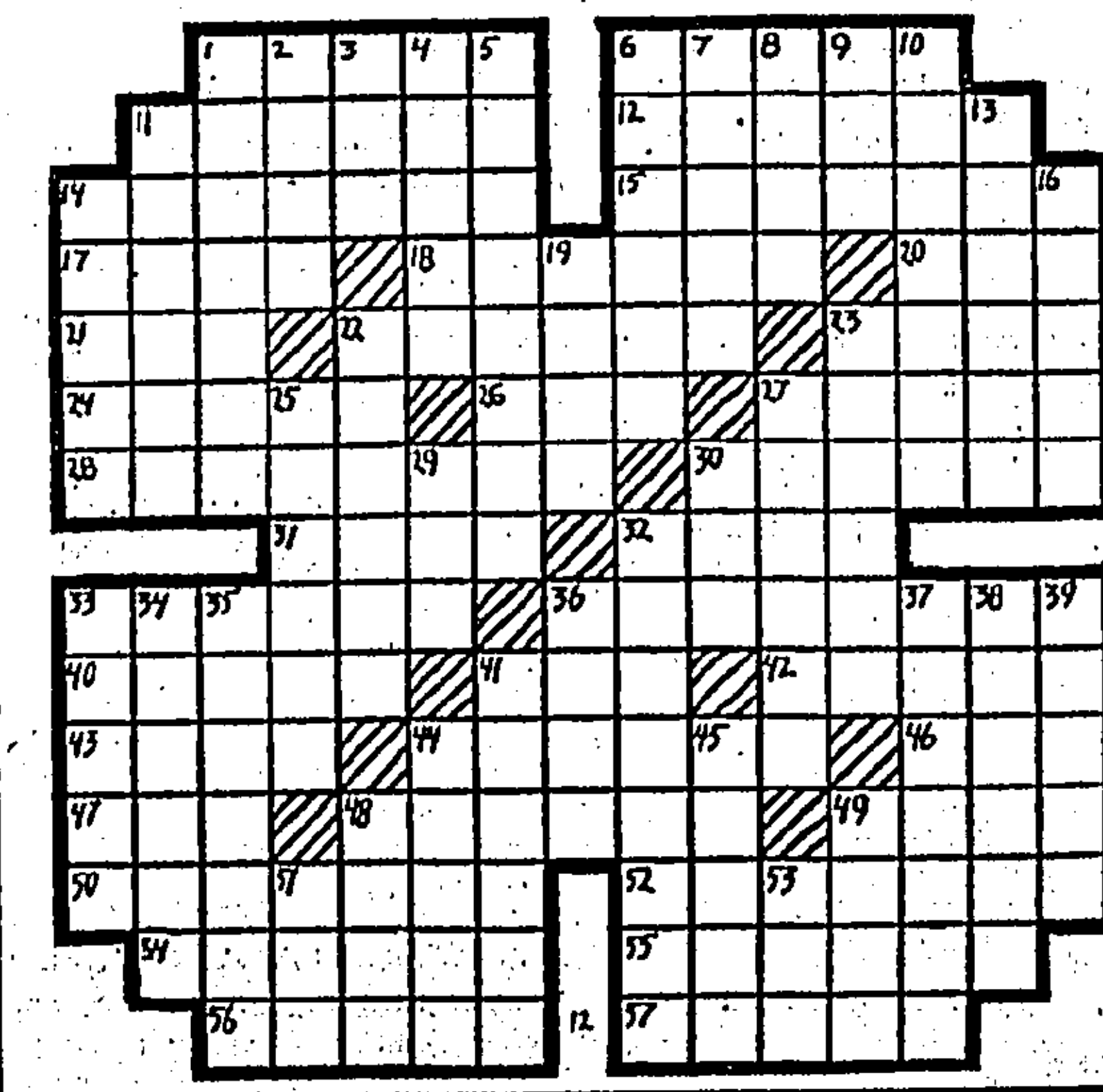
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ACROSS

- Member of vegetable kingdom
- Equipped with scales
- Action to report property (day)
- Crypsis and
- Forces
- Traced people
- Words (nautical)
- Building beam
- Added die
- Unclose (poetic)
- Wear in hose
- Salon (upstairs)
- Yacht person
- Vase
- Ion
- Outer layer of germinal membrane
- Draw back
- Source of food
- He full of yams
- Name of famous Roman road
- Artfully emptied
- Nothing stale
- Traveller
- Musical exercise
- Is this plant?
- Form over again
- Form of glove
- Man's name
- Take out
- Wear away from
- One who strings (obolists)

DOWN

- Make less loud
- Relative position
- Character
- Certain (col.)
- Stop
- Be defeated
- Former Durness capital
- African native
- Hole den
- Become yielding
- Plant shoot used in victrola
- Feather
- Caple
- Authoritative suggestion
- Illness
- Hermetically closed
- Articulate sound
- No (lower dew)
- Bold
- Style of many phases
- Electric wall plug
- Fastidious
- Followed behind
- Thin
- Discipline man
- Farthest away
- Fastidious
- Looked at intently
- Low wall on roof edge
- Thin
- Artificial mound
- Ancient Roman
- Articulate
- Stop
- Girl's name
- Wear, pinafore
- Slippery material
- Extraneous action (tool)
- Thin thing
- College wall
- Obese



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Y.W.C.A. APPEAL Joint National And Local Association Campaign

For the first time the Hongkong Branch of the Y.W.C.A. and the National Association are having a joint campaign for funds in Hongkong. The goal for the campaign is \$10,000, which will be divided, \$10,500 to Hongkong and \$5,500 to the National Association. There will be twelve teams with some 150 women working on the teams. The presence in the Colony of a number of national committee members makes it possible to have four national teams, and eight local teams. Dr. F. C. Woo, O.B.E., treasurer of the local Y.W.C.A., and Mrs. Huang Siu-feng, past chairman of the national committee, are the two campaign chairmen. The campaign opens to-night with a dinner of for workers.

The Hongkong Y.W.C.A., is a self-supporting organization. Its work is not dependent on funds from abroad or from any other part of China. It does however bring to the notice of the community each year its programme and activities and ask for financial support. This year March 10 has been set as the opening day of the finance campaign. The goal is higher than usual both because of additional activities undertaken by the Y.W.C.A. and because the campaign is being held in conjunction with the National Y.W.C.A. of China. The latter organization consists of a Committee elected by all the local Y.W.C.A.'s throughout the country. It has its headquarters in Shanghai, and is responsible for general policy and problems which concern, not one individual Y.W.C.A., but the National Movement as a whole. A staff of trained and experienced secretaries is employed to carry out this work. In the present emergency situation the National Y.W.C.A. has been called on to undertake special work, and it has therefore been necessary to explore other sources of revenue. One result is this joint campaign.

The Hongkong Y.W.C.A., recognising the needs of the national organization and understanding the value of its work to the country, has generously consented to this arrangement. From members and friends of the Y.W.C.A. in other parts of China who are now living in Hongkong, additional teams of workers have been organized. The funds raised by the campaign will be divided between the Hongkong Y.W.C.A. and the National Y.W.C.A. in the proportion of 2 to 1, care being taken that the Hongkong budget difference is made up before there is any division of funds.

Report of Work

A report has been issued of the work of the Hongkong association, showing that regular work has been going on side by side with much emergency work. Endless hours have been given by the members to making hospital supplies, quilts, coats, warm underwear and to knitting. Money has been raised in all kinds of ways, including very successful thrift boxes which are collected monthly. The association has made an effort to discover and carry out work most needed by refugees in the city, putting groups of specially trained young women in the camps for welfare and educational work.

Regular work has expanded because in these days of stress the needs of girls and women are many. Nearly every one has problems exaggerated by the present situation. The hostel is overflowing, and personal problems absorb long hours of secretaries' time. Students come for relief funds. Clubs and classes help hold morale high. Even in time of war, youth looks to the future and leadership must be trained. Co-operation with many new emergency organizations is a necessary contribution to life to-day.

With the present shift in population towards the west and south-west there have come many requests for Y.W.C.A. work in new centres. In response, secretaries have been sent in to survey interior cities and to talk over with residents the possibilities of developing Y.W.C.A.'s. The policy is that such work shall be self-directing and self-supporting from the beginning, but prevailing conditions make it impossible for some local centres to raise funds for the work. The National Y.W.C.A. has therefore made grants on a diminishing scale to such new Y.W.C.A.'s both for the salaries of secretaries and for programme activities, until such time as an

appeal for support can be made locally. Both in Kuning and in Kweichow, new Y.W.C.A.'s have been organized during the last year, and both have received grants from the National Committee.

None in Siam

In some centres, such for instance as Siam, it has not been possible to organize a Y.W.C.A., but a local committee working with a secretary has developed an emergency centre. The programme in Siam fell under three heads: (1) student relief work was carried on, students who were unable to continue their studies were helped to find work, and in many cases trained for work in refugee camps and for other kinds of service; (2) in refugee camps, educational classes and recreational activities were carried on by the Y.W.C.A. among women and children until the camps were broken up and the refugees sent on; (3) families of soldiers at the front were registered with the Y.W.C.A. and occupation found locally for several hundred families. Welfare work was carried on among the children. Special privileges such as free tuition in school and free treatment at hospitals was obtained for all registered families.

With communications as difficult as they have been during the last year, special efforts have to be made to maintain work. This can be done by increasing the national service among the local Y.W.C.A.'s and by arranging for more travel and visitation by national secretaries.

The funds of the National Y.W.C.A. must be augmented to meet the demands on the budget made by this travel. In many of the local Y.W.C.A.'s there are emergency secretaries supported by the National who are carrying on programmes of student relief, refugee work, and educational class for both city and rural women.—Contributed.

London Bomb Found On Railway Track

London, Mar. 9.
The timely discovery of a bomb on the railway lines in the London suburb of Carlsden, about 50 yards off an iron viaduct, prevented a new outrage by terrorists yesterday. The bomb was fitted with a time fuse and, if it had exploded, it would have destroyed not only the lines but also the electric cables of two power stations in the vicinity. Last evening's papers did not mention this latest attempt, probably in order not to frighten passengers using this line which is usually overcrowded in the evening hours. Special police from Scotland Yard have been busy combing the London districts chiefly inhabited by Irish people for traces of the perpetrators.

LATE NEWS

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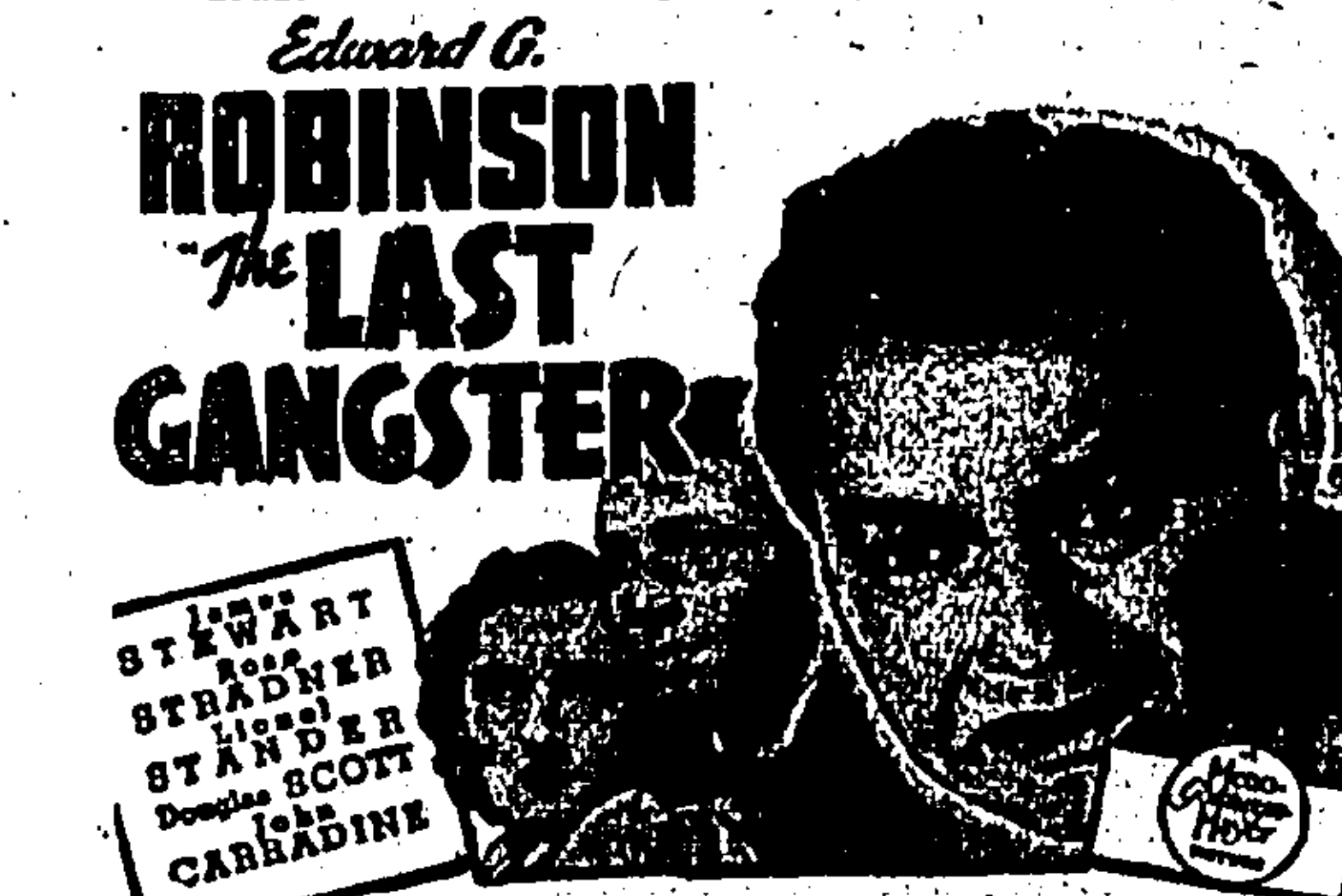
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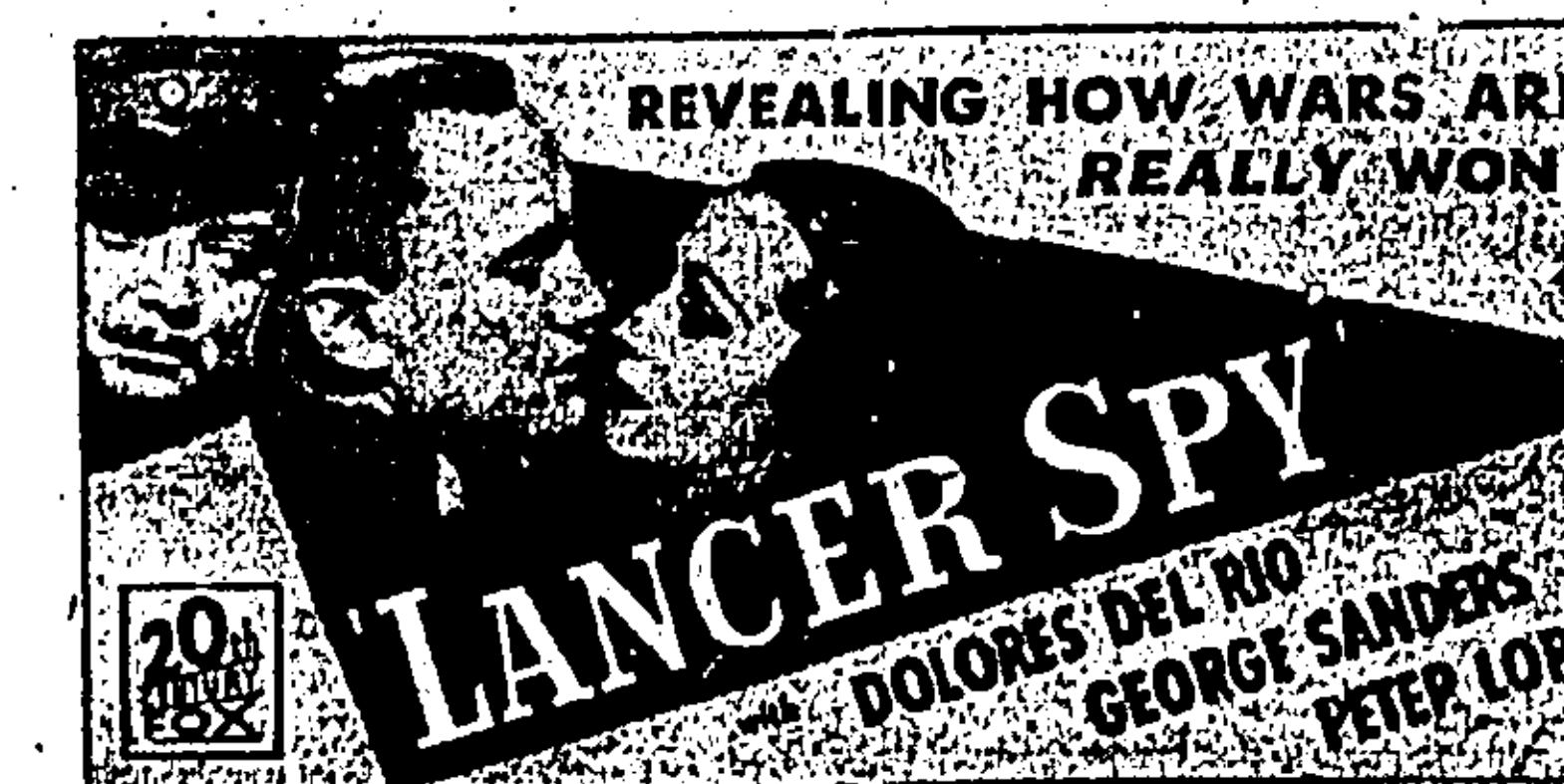
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EMPIRE DEFENCE
Conference Called By
New Zealand

Wellington, Mar. 9.
The Prime Minister, Mr. Michael Savage, has confirmed that a defence conference, attended by representatives of Britain, New Zealand and Australia, will be held very soon.—Reuter Bulletin.
—Trans-Ocean.

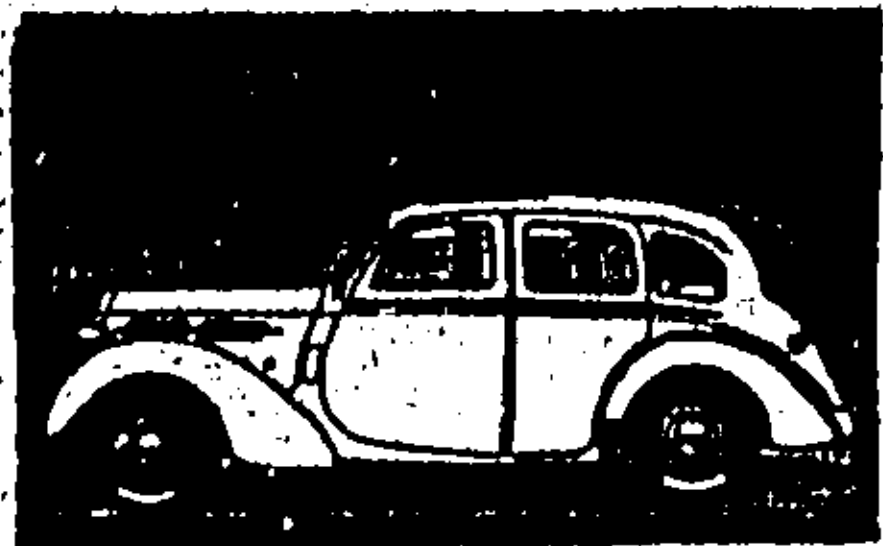
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"SANCTIONS BY BRITAIN" JAPAN WARNED BY ARITA

Pending Questions May End In "Grave Consequences", Diet Told

TOKYO, MAR. 10.
"VARIOUS QUESTIONS ARE PENDING BETWEEN JAPAN ON THE ONE HAND, AND GREAT BRITAIN, FRANCE AND THE UNITED STATES ON THE OTHER, IN CONNECTION WITH THE IMPOSITION OF AN ECONOMIC BLOCKADE OR SANCTIONS AGAINST JAPAN."

"But it will be found that sanctions or economic blockade cannot be carried out so easily."

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	Planes	Plane	Inc.	ton	Air Per-	Naval	Standing	Army
	reserves	Capacity			sonnel	Tonnage	Armies	Reserves
United States	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	317,000	450,000
France	2,200	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	317,000	450,000
Germany	2,200	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	317,000	450,000
Italy	2,200	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	317,000	450,000
Japan	2,200	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,200,000	1,200,000	317,000	450,000
Germany-Maly-Japan	12,000	10,000	10,000	10,000	2,255,000	2,255,000	1,120,000	1,500,000
Democracies	7,700	16,000	200,000	4,309,000	1,120,000	6,250,000		
Russia	6,000	4,000	150,000	315,000	1,300,000	8,000,000		

Figures in all countries are liable to sudden change, but this table, based on the most reliable data, shows the position at beginning of 1939.

Air Force Reserve To Be Formed In Hongkong

HONGKONG CITIZENS are shortly to be asked to enrol in a Volunteer Reserve of the Royal Air Force.

This reserve will probably be distinct from the existing Air Arm of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Local residents will qualify as volunteer reserves of the Royal Air Force, and, as such, would be called up in times of emergency.

Similar reserves are being formed in Singapore and other Colonies.

It is believed that R.A.F. personnel and planes in Hongkong will be adequately strengthened before the end of the current year, in conformity with the Air Ministry's decision to bring up the number of overseas R.A.F. squadrons to 500.

Air Disaster Sequel

\$200,000 Suit Against Imperial Airways

NEW YORK, Mar. 9.
A SUIT claiming \$200,000 for the loss of her husband in the Cavalier flying-boat disaster on January 21 has been filed against Imperial Airways in the Federal Court by Mrs. Katherine Miller, of Lincoln, Nebraska.

Her husband, Donald Walter Miller, one of the passengers on the flying-boat, was drowned.

Compensation is also demanded by Mrs. Miller, who was rescued, for the loss of baggage valued at \$1,100. Her lawyer declared: "The purpose of the suit is to fix responsibility for the accident."—Reuter.

Another Note For the W.P.B.

London, Mar. 9.
Asked whether he was aware that all British trade in Chefoo and Weihaiwei was at a standstill owing to the Japanese refusal to permit cargoes to be exported unless financed through the Yokohama Specie Bank, Mr. R. A. Butler replied in the affirmative.

He added that the Foreign Secretary was in communication with Sir Robert Craigie, the British Ambassador to Tokyo, with regard to the whole question of trade and exchange control measures introduced into the North China ports.—Reuter.

NATIONAL SERVICE

480,000 Volunteers In Britain

LONDON, Mar. 9.

REPLYING to a query in the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Ernest Brown, Minister of Labour, declared that so far 480,000 registrations had been recorded as a result of the voluntary service campaign.

It is generally commented here that there is quite a discrepancy between the figure given by the Minister of Labour and that mentioned in a recent broadcast speech by the Lord Privy Seal, Sir John Anderson, who declared that of the expected 1,500,000 volunteers, 1,200,000 had already answered the call by registering.

Another question concerning the present state of evacuation measures for city children in the event of war was answered by the Minister of Health, Mr. Walter Elliot, who stated that the number of offers received from the country far exceeded the number of lodgings required for children in the case of emergency.—Trans-Ocean.

Gutters Run With Rain

Hongkong's Drought Is Breaking

FOR THE first time in six weeks, Hongkong's gutters and nullahs ran with rain-water this afternoon.

Between 12.30 and 2.30 p.m. sixty points of rain—the highest recorded in any one day since early January, were recorded at the Royal Observatory.

Weather conditions in the Colony have been trying during the past twenty-four hours.

At ten o'clock this morning the humidity reached 97 per cent.—only three per cent. below absolute saturation.

Temperature has been remarkably even in the Colony since Wednesday. Yesterday the variation was only three degrees from a minimum of 65 to a maximum of 68. The maximum to-day was 67, recorded at 10 a.m. Occasional drizzle or light rain is predicted for the next 24 hours.

"The grave consequences of such a step are well known to the Powers."

"An economic blockade inflicts great loss on both parties."

This statement was made in the Japanese House of Representatives last night by the Foreign Minister, Mr. H. Arita.

He expressed the belief that economic blockade or sanctions against Japan would not be carried out easily by the Western Powers, because they were well aware of the "grave consequences" that would ensue.

WARNING ISSUED

At the same time, Mr. Arita uttered the warning that nobody could positively say that such an eventuality would not occur, and revealed that the Japanese Government had prepared against such an emergency.

A definite plan has been worked out by the Government for the mobilisation of commodities, but it may have to be modified by changing circumstances.

The Government has formulated its plans with the possibility of these changed circumstances, including the possibility of an economic blockade, in view.

The Foreign Minister concluded by stating that it would be inappropriate to reveal details of the plan at present.

AID FOR CHINA

He refused to regard the financial assistance extended to China by Britain and America as a manifestation of impending action along the lines of blockade or sanctions.—Domei.

Kung Pleased At Loan

CHUNGKING, Mar. 10.
Appreciation of the extension by Great Britain of a £5,000,000 loan to create a joint stabilisation fund for the Chinese currency was expressed by Dr. H. H. Kung, President of the Executive Yuan and concurrently Minister of Finance in an interview with the Central News Agency yesterday.

Dr. Kung said that the loan would greatly help to stabilise the Chinese currency. It evidenced Great Britain's concern with China's financial and economic conditions. The success of the negotiations for the establishment of this joint stabilisation fund, Dr. Kung added, manifested the far-sightedness of the British politicians as it would benefit both China and Great Britain.

Dr. Kung stated that the Chinese Government and people were most thankful to the British Government for this act.—Central News.

—BUT JAPAN IS
DISPLEASED

Tokyo, Mar. 10.
The Japanese press inspiredly criticises the British currency loan to China.

The "Hochi Shimbun" declares that the Cabinet held an emergency session in the Diet building on Thursday afternoon to discuss the Japanese Government's attitude.

The newspaper says that it understands it was the opinion that Japan should make a strong protest against this "unfriendly action," and also should take positive counter-measures against the new Anglo-Chinese agreement. If Britain continues such unfriendly acts, Japan should "resort to some retaliatory action with regard to British rights and interests in China."—Reuter.

Death Was Cheated By Doctors



PHILADELPHIA DOCTORS have cheated Death. Recently a young woman, twenty-two years old, was admitted into Philadelphia General Hospital.

Doctors examined her and shook their heads gravely. They found her suffering from one of the most dreaded scourges of humanity—tuberculosis.

In hospital they examined her further, and were alarmed to discover that she was to become a mother.

With every resource of modern medical science they fought to save her life at least until her baby was born.

They failed.

In a last desperate effort they performed a post-mortem Caesarean operation four minutes after the tragic mother had breathed her last.

A living child was delivered. Death had reluctantly given back a life for a life.

Chinese Counter-Offensive

JAPANESE RETREAT ACROSS HAN RIVER

JAPANESE TWELVE-DAY OFFENSIVE, which sought to effect a complete crossing of the Han River, has failed.

With seventy divisions of Chinese reinforcements hurled into the battle, the Japanese lines have gradually crumbled and the Japanese are now retreating in the Chungsiang sector.

There has been no attempt by the Japanese to use poison gas since Tuesday. However, this fact is probably attributable to the direction of the wind, which has veered completely around since the vapour was released with such conspicuous success earlier in the week.

Chungsiang has been recaptured by the Chinese counter-attackers, the Japanese forces which captured the city on Tuesday retreating eastwards to Shangkong.

RETIRE ACROSS RIVER

The Japanese who successfully crossed the Han River north of Chungsiang have also been forced to retire across their pontoon bridges and are now on the east bank of the river at Changshoulien and Chang-chinai.

The Chinese counter-offensive is also reported to have gained considerable ground south of the re-captured key city of Chungsiang.

This morning, a Chinese communiqué described the situation as "much more steady after a successful series of counter-attacks." The abortive Japanese offensive along the Han River had Ichang, the bombed Yangtze city, as its objective. (Central News and United Press.)

FOREIGN MISSIONS DAMAGED

EVACUATION OF SIAN ORDERED

Strong American Protest At Indiscriminate Ichang Raids

SHANGHAI, MAR. 10.
THE REPEATED ATTACKS BY JAPANESE AIRMEN ON SIAN, CAPITAL OF SHENSI PROVINCE, HAVE INDUCED THE CHINESE AUTHORITIES TO ORDER THE PARTIAL COMPULSORY EVACUATION OF THIS TOWN WHICH IS NOT PROTECTED AGAINST AIR RAIDS.

Tens of thousands of Chinese families have already begun to leave the town by railway, going west to find protection from the Japanese.

The provincial authorities have taken all possible measures to protect themselves against the repeated air raids.—Trans-Ocean.

A "UNITED PRESS" MESSAGE states that a vigorous protest has been lodged with the Japanese authorities in Hankow by the American Consulate at the bombing of American property in Ichang.

Another two raids were made on the stricken city yesterday, adding to the enormous death toll caused during the three raids on Wednesday.

A Chinese report of the latest raids states that losses of civilian lives and property were "tremendous."

Another 200 buildings have been wrecked.

JAPANESE INFORMED

In the raids on Wednesday four bombs fell on the American Church Mission. There were no casualties.

United States consular officials said they had informed the Japanese army of the position of the property last July, and they added that two 20-foot flags clearly marked the property.

AMERICAN FLAG DISPLAYED

It is stated that four bombs fell on the football field on which the American flag was displayed. In the second raid seven bombs demolished a residence and three buildings on the Catholic Cathedral property adjacent to the American Church Mission.

RESIDENCE DESTROYED

A "Reuter" message states that 17 bombs were dropped on and around the American Episcopal Church Mission compound totally destroying one residence and damaging three other buildings, including the church. The American staff are safe.

All the buildings were clearly marked with American flags. "Central News" states that a foreign school was also hit.

All foreign property conspicuously displayed national flags on the roofs. Twenty-seven bombers participated in yesterday's raids, indiscriminately bombing the eastern and southern section of the city.

ONE-THIRD OF CITY LIES IN RUINS

The Japanese version of Wednesday's horrifying air raids which demolished Ichang, the treaty port on the Yangtze River, was released this morning in the form of an official communiqué.

Last night unimpeachable neutral reports stated that the death toll was in the vicinity of 1,800, with about 2,000 other casualties.

One-third of the city of 75,000 inhabitants has been totally razed. The Japanese naval communiqué states that three successive raids were carried out on the city, the Japanese planes taking advantage of the return of fine weather to launch their attacks from the former Chinese aerodrome at Wuchang.

"HUGE BOMBS"

In the first raid an unspecified number of bombs—Chinese reports state that eighteen participated—dropped a considerable number of "huge bombs on the stores of munitions outside the East Gate."

The Japanese communiqué adds that ten large conflagrations were started in the eastern section of the city.

The second raid was made on the centre of the city where, claims the Japanese communiqué, the objectives were the headquarters of the 77th Division and Police Headquarters.

The third raid followed almost immediately. "With the conclusion of the third raid," adds the communiqué, "the important Chinese military base at Ichang was now in ruins."

Japanese Agree To Demands

Soochow University To Revert To Owners

CHUNGKING, Mar. 10.

AFTER OCCUPYING them for over 17 months, the Japanese have now consented to return the Soochow University premises to the University authorities, according to a Shanghai report.

The acting president of the University has left Shanghai for Soochow to take over the premises. The Soochow University is an American institute in Soochow, the Venice of China. It was established in 1903 by the American Methodist Mission.—Central News.

GERMAN PROTEST

Chungking, Mar. 10.
The German Consulate-General in Shanghai has filed a protest with the Japanese authorities over the Japanese seizure of the premises of the No. 1 and No. 3 Da Sang Cotton Mills in Nantunghow and Haimen on the north bank of the Yangtze River in Kiangsu for billeting troops, a Shanghai report states.

Indemnity for damage is demanded.—Central News.

LATEST

Attacks On Britain

Tokyo, Mar. 10.
Declaring that after the British Ambassador, Sir Robert Craigie, had explained the currency loan to the Vice Minister for Foreign Affairs yesterday morning, the Foreign Office officials met to discuss counter-measures, the "Asahi Shimbun" states that the meeting decided on the need to serve a warning to Britain.

The "Nichi-Nichi" declares: "Britain may now be said to have joined in the Chinese economic and guerrilla warfare" by seeking to maintain China's currency, and adds: "Japan does not necessarily lack counter-measures. For example the inevitable settlement of the Yangtze navigation problem should now be postponed."—Reuter.

London, Mar. 10.
The Japanese communiqué states that the Japanese navy has captured a British merchant ship, the "Hutchinson," in the South China Sea. The ship was carrying a cargo of rubber and other goods. The Japanese navy claims that the ship was violating Japanese waters. The British government has expressed its protest against the capture of the ship. The Japanese navy has released the ship and its cargo. The British government has expressed its appreciation for the Japanese action.

DEATH BLOW TO FOREIGN TRADE IN NORTH CHINA

Loan To China

CHINESE PRESS IS JUBILANT

ANNOUNCEMENT of the subscription of \$5,000,000 to the joint currency stabilization fund for China by the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation and Chartered Bank is greatly welcomed in the local Chinese Press.

The Ta Kung Pao declares in its leader this morning that the political significance of the British loans to China is far beyond their financial or economic importance. The British loans, says the paper, in further safeguarding with the Chinese Government the convertibility of Chinese currency for foreign trade transactions, are directly strengthening the fighting power of China in her present war of resistance.

In comparing the introduction of the law by the Japanese Government yesterday to the Diet aiming at the inflation of Japanese bank-notes, with announcement of the British loans to China, the paper asks which indicates the symptom of defeat.

Pointing out that the present Sino-Japanese hostilities have come to the stage that economic struggle is more vital than military operation, the Seng Tzu Jih Pao states that the repeated British and American financial assistance to China should make the Japanese militarists understand now the chance "to beat China to kneel on her knees" is fading farther and further away.

While unanimously acknowledging the British financial support, the vernacular papers however urge the British Government to double and intensify her pressure against Japan in order to obtain an early and just settlement of the Far Eastern conflict.

Great Britain must take more positive actions against the increasing Japanese invasion of China and the unabated encroachment on British rights and interests in the country, in addition to loans to China, appeals the Ta Kung Pao.

"As a penalty for her aggression and for the common interests of China and Great Britain, we hope the British Government will take up sanctions with other Powers, which have interests in the Far East, against Japan in accordance with the League resolution, so that the principles of the Nine-Power Pact which were reiterated in the American and British notes to Japan in December and January last may be fulfilled," concludes the paper.

Effect Of New Exchange Regulations

SHANGHAI, Mar. 10.

FOREIGN TRADE in North China will receive a death blow with the invocation of the new Japanese sponsored exchange regulations to-morrow bringing parts of North China within the Manchukuo—Japan yen bloc.

The new regulations outlaw the official Chinese currency which the Japanese sponsored Peiping Provisional Government's Federal Reserve notes are replacing.

The latter are practically worthless in international exchange, therefore North China trade will be reduced at least to a barter basis.

However, additional export and import restrictions designed to benefit Japan's wartime economy are expected to make possible foreign traders' dealing with either North China importers or exporters.

The effectiveness of the Japanese measures in excluding foreign trade has been proven in Manchukuo—and more recently in Chefoo and Tsingtao which served as a preliminary North China testing ground, and where foreign business has already been successfully halted.

The Japanese-sponsored restrictions are in direct defiance to the British, French and American protests against the same measures when they were experimentally applied in Chefoo and Tsingtao last year.

They will mean an annual loss of United States trade estimated at \$50,000,000. All exchange transactions must be negotiated through the Yokohama Specie Bank.

AMERICAN PROTESTS

When this system was introduced in Tsingtao last year the United States Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, protested to Tokyo on October 6.

"Control of foreign exchange transactions gives control of trade and commercial enterprise and its exercise, either directly or indirectly, by the Japanese authorities if the exchange control in North China should place those authorities in the position, will greatly impede free competition between Japan and the United States in that area," he said.

Mr. Hull lodged a similar protest, but in vain, on December 31. The new restrictions are not only a deadly blow to foreign traders but also to foreign banks which hitherto have been mainly engaged in foreign exchange.

The regulations arbitrarily set the value of the Federal Reserve notes at 12.25 compared with the present legal Chinese currency rate of 8.8, which is consequently disastrous to foreign exporters, particularly on outstanding contracts on which they face a 75 per cent. loss.

In an editorial to-day, the American owned "Shanghai Evening Post" says: "The issue is now clearly up to the Western Powers. Will they accept this knock-out blow from China's invaders or the illegal 'puppet' regime subject to the invader's will? If they are, then the foreign trade position is hopeless. None can possibly survive under such treatment which is contrary to treaty stipulations and every principle of fair play. Here, decidedly, is the test whether the Western world intends to see their trade vanish under a policy of futile protests, or take some sort of stand firm enough to give traders a fighting chance."

United Press.

Germans' Antarctic Discovery

Berlin, Mar. 9.

The discovery of about 135 square miles of the Antarctic Continent is reported to have been made by Captain Ritscher, the German Polar explorer and airman, who left Hamburg for the Antarctic aboard the Luftwaffe motorship Schwabenland in December last, with 60 men, including scientists, explorers, airmen, and mechanics.

The land is stated to be situated between 5 deg. West and 15 deg. East longitude, and extends inland to about 75 deg. South latitude.

It was thoroughly explored from planes, including mountains of over 3,500 feet, and a central Polar mass of over 4,000 feet.

The Schwabenland is returning and has passed Cape Town. While the Schwabenland was en route to the Antarctic a Norwegian decree was published on January 14 claiming Norwegian sovereignty over a large stretch of the Antarctic Continent, including the part now explored by Captain Ritscher, but Germany claims that this part has never been stepped on or even flown over by Norwegians. — Reuter Special.

Gambling Monopoly In Canton

Canton, Mar. 10.

After keen competition, a big Chinese syndicate, known as the Yip Shing Company, is officially announced to have succeeded in securing the gambling monopoly for Canton, bids for which were recently invited.

The amount offered for the monopoly is not disclosed. In accordance with the new regulations of the Peace Preservation Committee, gambling houses will in future, be only allowed to operate in five specified districts, including Honan Island and Taiho Road, scene of one of the city's largest loot markets. — Reuter.

Disarming By Whole World Is Envisaged

LONDON, Mar. 9. THE possibility of discussions by the Powers regarding disarmament is being canvassed in political circles in view of the improvement in the international situation.

It is felt that if the differences between Italy and France can be resolved—and there is no reason to believe they are incapable of settlement in a friendly manner—then the atmosphere would be favourable for such an attempt.

The effects of achieving even a limited agreement as regards disarmament would, it is believed, tend towards a further improvement of the general international situation, with the restoration of general confidence which would favour revival of international trade.

As regards trade, it is pointed out that the forthcoming visit of Mr. Oliver Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, to Germany is regarded as a matter of some importance, as are also the present talks between British and German industrialists. — Reuter Special.

Czecho-Slovak Army To Be Reorganised

Sweeping Changes Are Indicated

Prague, Mar. 9.

Czecho-Slovakia is about to complete the reorganisation of her army. Sweeping changes are being made in the high command, rendered necessary by the reduction in the size of the country. The plan adopted, according to the newspapers here, is to divide the Army into three groups, corresponding with the racial divisions of the federal territory.

This would mean that Slovakia and possibly Ruthenia would be allowed to have their own national armies, but with retention of the Supreme Command for the whole Czecho-Slovakian Army in Prague.

One of the major problems arising out of this reorganisation is that of finding employment for the large number of officers of all ranks who will have to leave the army. It is intended to transfer these persons to the civil service. Some of them will be placed in charge of the labour battalions, while others will attend special courses to be trained for a new vocation. — Trans-Ocean.

CHUNGKING OFFER TO S'HAJ JEWS

Shanghai, Mar. 10.

Leading member of the Chinese Propaganda Department, and biographer of Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek, Mr. Hollington Tong, in a telegraphic message addressed to the Shanghai Jewish Committee from Chungking, has made the proposal that Jews should settle in the Northwest and South-west provinces of China.

About 4,000 to 5,000 Jews would be affected. Since, however, in the districts mentioned, agriculture is the main occupation, and Jews are not particularly adapted for this work, the Chinese proposal will not perhaps be feasible. The Shanghai Jewish Committee has not yet answered the proposal. — Trans-Ocean.

Patrols Out In Tientsin

Tientsin, Mar. 10.

British troops are patrolling the Concession perimeter here in anticipation of acts of terrorism coincident with the Japanese change in the regulations. The situation is quiet, but tense. — United Press.

Franco's Good Faith Questioned In Lords

LONDON, Mar. 9.

IN THE COURSE of his speech in the House of Lords replying to the debate on Spain raised by Lord Snell, who criticised the Government's policy as having favoured General Franco throughout, the Foreign Secretary referred to the suggestions made by Lord Snell and others, that assurances given by General Franco as to the future independence of Spain were worthless.

Lord Halifax said everyone in Great Britain attached importance to the maintenance of the independence of Spanish territory. His Majesty's Government took the view that assurances on this point had been given in good faith and would be fulfilled in good faith.

"I do not hesitate to say," added Lord Halifax, "that if the contrary ever proves to be the case, then a very serious situation will arise."

But the Spanish people were a proud race which would not mortgage the independence or integrity of their country to any foreign Power.

The Foreign Secretary also announced, in connection with Spanish refugee camps in south-eastern France, that he had just heard that the French Government would welcome the assistance of the British in helping to maintain the refugees through the agency of the British Red Cross Society and that the British Government would accordingly make a substantial grant to the Society for that purpose. — British Wireless.

Bitter Attack On America

Berlin, Mar. 9.

What is regarded in American circles as one of the bitterest attacks ever launched on the United States by a responsible German, was made before the German Academy by General Wilhelm Faeupel, Ambassador to Nationalist Spain in 1937.

Declaring that the one danger confronting Latin America is the United States, General Faeupel added that the Lima conference was a grand-scale attack on the totalitarian States generally, and the Reich in particular.

He demanded wholesale German counter-propaganda.

The Monroe Doctrine, General Faeupel insisted, speaking in the sharp military tones of a Prussian general, was nothing more than the claim by the United States for the domination of the Western Hemisphere.

Its history was "one vast catalogue of imperialistic designs on other peoples." — Reuter Special.

Imperial Airways Plane Damaged

London, Mar. 10.

The Imperial Airways flying-boat Carpentaria, flying from Britain to Australia, was damaged in a collision with a Chinese junk while moored on the river at Bangkok.

It is learned from Imperial Airways in London that the Carpentaria will be taken out of the normal service pending minor repairs.

PASSENGERS FROM AUSTRALIA

The following Passengers arrived from Australia this morning by the S.S. Tipling:

Mr. N. Brandel, J. C. W. J. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. H. Cotterall, Mr. A. H. Fenwick, Mrs. M. Gifford, Mr. and Mrs. B. A. Grace, Lieut. F. R. Hoehel, Mr. R. E. Holden, Mrs. E. L. Longfield-Lloyd, Miss C. Limgo, Miss M. G. Ming, Mr. S. Chinglum, Mr. G. Palmer, Miss E. Paredes, Mr. J. G. Stuart, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Thompson.



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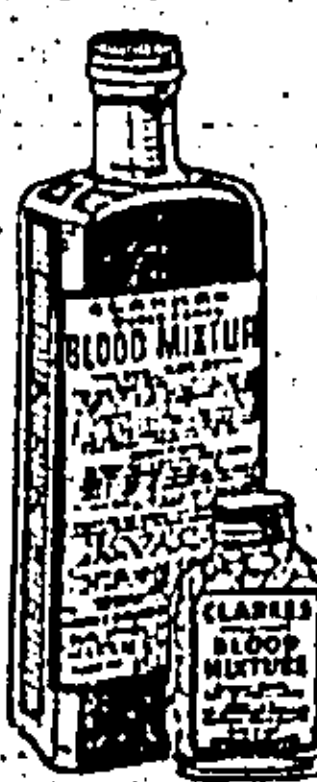
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COMING TO Hongkong on her eleventh round-the-world cruise, s.s. Franconia of the Cunard White Star, Limited, is scheduled to arrive here at the end of the month. She will be the second tourist ship to come to Hongkong during the year's cruising season, the first being the s.s. Empress of Britain of the Canadian Pacific Steamships, Limited, now in port.

The Franconia is coming from New York by way of Port of Spain, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, Montevideo, Capetown, Port Elizabeth, Durban, Zanzibar, Bombay, Port Victoria, Bombay, Colombo, Belawan, Penang, Singapore, Peking, and Tientsin. Japanese ports as well as Shanghai have been omitted due to the war between Japan and China.

From Hongkong the ship will continue her journey, visiting Manila, Batavia, Semarang, Bali, Kupang, Port Darwin, New Caledonia, Suva, Nukualofa, Pago Pago, Apia, Honolulu and from there to Hilo, thence direct to San Francisco, Balboa, Cristobal and New York.

The "floating hotel" has on board more than 200 tourist passengers, from Europe, Africa, and North and South America. The passengers include university professors, millionaires, businessmen and philanthropists.

Following is the list of passengers on the Franconia: Wilfred C. Abbott, Mrs. Abbott, G. F. Allen, Mrs. Allen, Andrew P. Alvord, Miss Sadie American and Mrs. A. P. Avery.

Mrs. Floyd E. Badger, H. P. Baines, Miss Eleanore S. Barker, Theodor Sharples Barlow, Mrs. Barlow, Calvin P. Bentley, Mrs. Bentley, Miss Clara Belle Bentley, Douglas Birnie, Dr. William H. Blanchette, Mrs. Blanchette, F. C. Blodock, F. J. Bhor, Mrs. Bhor, Mrs. Sarah M. Bosworth, Thomas Bradley, Miss Katherine Bragaw, Roy E. Brown, James H. Browne, Mrs. Browne and Mrs. E. M. Butterfield.

George Winthrop Cable, Mrs. C. L. Cable, Miss Rena R. Caldwell, Mrs. P. J. Carlton, Rev. J. B. Cherry, George A. Christian, Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Harriet A. Cochran, Miss Hester Colbath, Mrs. Grace Collins, Miss Clara M. Coombs, G. W. Copland, Mrs. A. E. Covell, Velle Cowles, Miss Maul Eleanor Craine, Mrs. Hazel S. Criswell, Mrs. Albert Crutcher, Miss Jane Culbertson and Mrs. W. N. Cusance.

Miss Sarah Davidson, Dr. E. Mettler Davis, W. M. Doulin, Mrs. A. E. Doyle, Mrs. Arthur Drake and Miss Helen J. Durgin.

Herbert Eldridge, Miss Anne Elizabeth England, Mrs. Richard Esterbrook and Mrs. G. A. Evans.

Mr. Fenwick, Miss Margery Fife, Miss Marion Fife, Mrs. M. E. Foster, Mrs. E. M. Francis, Miss June Freeman, Mrs. Vanda, George C. Fullinwider, Mrs. Fullinwider, Dr. Roque Hecler, Fumassoli and Dr. Rogelio Cesar Fumassoli.



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New Ice-Cream Invention

LEIPZIG, Mar. 10.
THE PROBLEM of retailing ice-cream through automatic machines, which has hitherto puzzled inventors, has at last been solved by the invention of a machine called "Prestomatic Ice Cream Automatic Machine" made by the Berlin firm of Richard Hirschson, and displayed at the Leipzig Spring Fair for the first time, after having been used in the streets of Berlin for over 18 months without arousing special attention.—Trans-Ocean.

Traffic Offenders In Court

Complaints Against Bus Drivers

SEVERAL TRAFFIC offenders were summoned before Mr. R. A. D. Forrest at the Central Magistracy this morning.

Two bus-drivers were each fined \$10 on a complaint laid against them by Mr. J. E. Kotwall for obstruction at the junction of Electric Road and Watson Road, Causeway Bay, on February 19.

Mr. Kotwall told the Court that it had been the practice for some time of the drivers to leave their buses in the middle of the road after they had finished their work. Complaints against this practice had been made, but on February 19 when he was coming out of Watson Road he found he could not get through. He requested the people to remove the buses but they refused.

Traffic Sergeant T. McInnes said that the place in question was insufficient to park the buses, but negotiations were now going on between the Government and the Bus Company for a more suitable site.

The defendants, Tse Kau and Chan Shik-siu, pleaded guilty.

Summons for failing to maintain his motor car in a paper state of repair, D. A. Jones, of the Asia Company, was fined \$20.

A fine of \$5 was imposed on Lo Yee-wo on a summons for failing to report to the Police a collision between his car and another car at Connaught Road Central on February 20.

Acting Sub-Inspector S. J. Clarke said the accident was not serious and the defendant was no more at fault than the other driver.

Seaman Sent To House Of Detention

John Malynaux, 42, unemployed seaman, was charged before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning with being a vagrant in the Colony, and was committed to the House of Detention.

It was said that he missed his ship in January, as he wanted to go to hospital, and when he was discharged yesterday, he was found in Des Voeux Road Central, to be without means of subsistence.

British Marine Shot Dead

Shanghai, Mar. 10.
W. E. Clementson, a Royal Marine attached to H.M.S. Dorsetshire, was found shot through the chest in a house in Avenue Joffre, French Concession early this morning.

He died in hospital seven minutes after being discovered.

A revolver was found beside the body, and apparently he committed suicide.

British naval authorities stated that an inquest would be held this morning.—United Press.

BRITISH SOLDIER FOUND DEAD

Shanghai, Mar. 10.
Another dramatic discovery was made this morning in Shanghai, when Sergeant Edward Hopkins of the Royal Army Service Corps was found dead from a revolver wound at Ash Camp.

He had apparently committed suicide, although the inquest has not yet been completed.—United Press.

London, Mar. 9.—Mr. Neville Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons to-day that the President of the Board of Trade would introduce the Cotton Re-Organisation Bill into the House next week, indicating that the Government was determined to re-organise the cotton trade on "price-fixing" lines.—United Press.

EMBEZZLED LETTER TO GET STAMP

Young Philatelist In Court

A YOUTHPHILATelist went to the extreme in his methods of acquiring stamps, and eventually appeared before Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning, charged with having embezzled a letter which he collected from General Post Office Box No. 30, the property of the Wah Kiu Yat Po, of Hollywood Road.

Detective-Inspector A. L. Hopkins told the Court that Pun Yiu-chi, 18-year-old servant boy, was employed by the paper, and he was sent to collect letters from the General Post Office, yesterday morning.

On his way back to the office, Pun stopped outside the King's Theatre, and tore off the stamps from a letter, and discarded the envelope. This was picked up by Sub-Inspector Bux, of the Police Reserve, and brought to the C.P.O.

Enquiries were made, and Pun was arrested. Inspector Hopkins added that the sole aim of Pun's actions were to get the stamps.

His Worship agreed with the prosecuting officer's suggestion, and bound Pun over in \$20 to be of good behaviour for a year, as Mr. Shum Wing-sun, the manager of the paper, was not going to dismiss Pun.

If you want stamps, you must acquire them in a legal way," his Worship warned Pun.

Generous Gesture By Prosecutor

Asked For Charge To Be Withdrawn

BECAUSE he found out that his friend, whom he had charged with pawning his steel guitar without his consent, had a job, Jack Kwok, a salesman, asked Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy this morning to withdraw a charge against Ng Kin-hung, 25, an actor. This was refused.

Detective-Sergeant T. Wall said that Ng borrowed the guitar from Kwok three weeks ago, and when asked to return it, he admitted of having pawned it. Ng told the Court that he would redeem the instrument.

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FAVOURITE	50s	1.85
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FIRST KING	50s	2.20
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H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning:

BANKS

H.K. Bank \$	1,430 b.
H.K. Bank Lon. \$	91 n.
Chartered \$	91 1/2 n.
Mercantile \$	27 3/4 n.
Mercantile C. \$	13 n.
East Asia \$	85 b.

INSURANCES

Canton \$	225 b.
Union \$	400 b. and sa.
China Underwriter etc.	50 n.
H.K. Fire \$	105 b.

SHIPPING

Douglas \$	69 b.
Steamboats \$	15 n.
Indo-China, P. \$	60 n.
Indo-China, D. \$	24 n.
Shell Bearers \$	80 1/4 n.
Waterboats \$	9 n.

DOCKS ETC.

Wharves \$	120 sa.
Docks (old) \$	17 1/2 b. and sa.
Docks (new) \$	17 b.
Providents (old) \$	6 45 n.
Providents (new) \$	6 50 n.
New Rm. Sh. \$	105 n.
Sh. Docks, Sh. \$	105 n.

MINE

Killian s/-	107 1/2 n.
Rauha s/-	8 35 b.
Venz. Goldfield \$	3 n.
Hongkong Mines etc.	5 n.
Antamoks Ps.	44 3/4 sa.
Atoka Ps.	20 1/4 sa.
Bangio Gold P.M.	13 60 sa.
Coco Grove Ps.	44 sa.
Con. Mines Ps.	403 sa.
Demonstrations Ps.	13 sa.
L.X.L. Ps.	67 sa.
Gumau \$	225 sa.
San Mauricio Ps.	225 sa.
Suyco Cons. Ps.	21 sa.
Paracales Ps.	70 sa.

LANDS

Hotels \$	670 b.
Land \$	30 1/2 b.
Land 4% deb. \$	107 1/2 n.
Shal Land Sh. \$	8 23 n.
Humphreys & (x.d.)	8 55 n.
H.K. Realties \$	(x.d.) 4 80 n.
Chinese Estates \$	100 n.

UTILITIES

Trams \$	17 b.
Peak Trams (old) \$	8 n.
Peak Trams (new) \$	4 n.
Star Ferries \$	67 1/4 n.
Y. Ferries (old) \$	23 3/4 n.
Y. Ferries (new) \$	22 70 n.
China Lights (old) \$	8 85 b.
China Light (new) \$	6 sa.
H.K. Electric \$	(x.d.) 50 1/2 b.
Macao Electric \$	17 1/2 b.
Sandakan Lights \$	22 45 n.
Telephones (old) \$	(x.d.) 22 45 n.
Telephones (new) \$	(x.d.) 7 30 n.
Tractions s/-	23 1/2 n.
Tractions (Pref.) s/-	23 1/2 n.

INDUSTRIAL

Cald. Macg. (ord.) \$	14 n.
Cald. Macg. (Pre.) \$	13 n.
Chanton Ices \$	13 n.
Cometals \$	(x.d.) 14 65 b.
H.K. Ropes \$	4 b.

STORES, &c.

Dairy-Farms \$	26 1/2 n.
Watsons \$	8 sa.
Lane Crawfords \$	8 n.
Sinceres \$	19 1/4 n.
Wing On (H.K.) \$	42 b.
Powell, L. \$	90 n.

COTTON MILLS

Ewo Sh. \$	16 40 n.
S'hai Cotton Sh.	105 n.
Zoong Shing, Sh.	24 n.
Wing On Textiles, Sh.	42 n.

MISC.

H.K. Entertainments \$	7 b.
Constructions \$	14 n.
Vibro Pilling \$	6 3/4 b.
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925	69 n.
G.S. Bonds	69 n.
H.K. Govt. Loan 3 1/2 %	par. b.
H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 4 1/2 %	par. b.
Marsmans (Lon.) s/-	19 1/6 n.
Marsmans (H.K.) s/-	4 11 n.

Closing quotations through Reuters:

Bid Prices	
Antamok	44 1/2
Aok	28
Basuto Gold	26 1/2
Banquet Cons.	102 1/2
Big Wedge	34
Coco Grove	44
Cons. Mines	403
Demonstration	13
IGL Gold	27 1/2
Iron Mining	33
Mambulo Cons.	19 1/4
Maraba Cons.	13 1/2
Mine Operations	13 1/2
North Camarines	68
Paracales Cons.	70
San Mauricio	225
Suyco Cons.	21
Suyco Cons.	21
Syndicate Invest.	93
United Paracales	70

The following is Swan Culbertson & Fritz' report on this morning's market:

The Manila market was quiet with most stocks unchanged from yesterday's close. However, several issues registered gains from fractions to 1 centavo. Surigao Consolidated was off 1/2 centavo. Benguet Consolidated was off 10 centavos and San Maucilio was unchanged. Yesterday's

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of the Company (since registration) will be held at the Hong Kong Hotel, Hong Kong, on TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31ST OCTOBER, 1938.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 18TH MARCH, 1939, to TUESDAY, the 28TH MARCH, 1939, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON, General Managers, Hongkong, 10th March, 1939.

NOTICE.

Any person who had witnessed the accident which occurred on the 4th of this month at 3.15 p.m. in Nathan Road when a boy, 14 years of age, riding a bicycle was knocked down and killed by Lorry No. 5053 will please communicate with Mr. B. F. Neng of No. 168, Jai Tan Street, 1st floor, Shamshulpo, Kowloon.

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Notice to Shareholders

The Seventieth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of the undersigned on Friday, the 24th March, 1939, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers, together with a statement of Accounts for the year ended the 31st December, 1938.

The Share Register and Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to the 24th March, 1939, both days inclusive.

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THE FIFTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on THURSDAY, 23rd MARCH, 1939, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1938.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from MONDAY, the 13th March, 1939, to THURSDAY, the 23rd March, 1939, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

C. M. MANNERS, Secretary and Manager, Hongkong, 4th March, 1939.

U.S. COMMODITY PRICES

LATEST CABLED QUOTATIONS

New York, Mar. 9.

New York Cotton

	Opening	Closing
March (1939)	8.65/85	8.75/75
May (1939)	8.26/26	8.35/35
July (1939)	8.03/03	8.13/14
Oct. (1939)	7.59/59	7.69/69
Dec. (1939)	7.56/56	7.65/65
Jan. (1940)	7.57/57	7.65/65
Spot		9.10 N

The last Notice day for March Cotton is March 17th.

New York Rubber

	10.74 N
March	10.80/80
May	10.72/72
Sept.	10.71/71
Dec.	10.71/71

To-day's Sales 1,260 tons. The Notice day for March Rubber is March 20th.

Chicago Wheat

	67 1/4/67 1/2	67 1/2/68
May	68 1/4/68 1/2	68 1/2/68 1/2
July	68 1/4/68 1/2	68 1/2/68 1/2
Sept.	68 1/4/68 1/2	68 1/2/68 1/2

Wednesday's Sales: 6,877,000 bushels.

Chicago Corn

May's	July	61 7/8 / 61 7/8	61 7/8 /
61 7/8	61 7/8	61 7/8	61 7/8

Winnipeg Wheat

	61 1/4/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 3/4
May	61 1/4/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 3/4
July	61 1/4/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 3/4
Sept.	61 1/4/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 3/4

G. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
1	4123	Kowloon Island Lot No. 4123, Adj. to Kwai Tsing Road, Tai Kok Tsui.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	40,000	\$50	\$15,500

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
2	420	Rural Building Lot No. 420, South of Rural Building Lot No. 383, Mount Cameron Road.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	40,000	\$50	\$15,500

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
3	5488	Inland Lot No. 5488, Adj. to Inland Lot No. 5487, North Point.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	40,000	\$50	\$15,500

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
4	5489	Inland Lot No. 5489, Adj. to Inland Lot No. 5488, North Point.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	40,000	\$50	\$15,500

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 13th day of March, 1939, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Tai Hau Temple Road, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
5	5490	Inland Lot No. 5490, Adj. to Tai Hau Temple Road.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	40,000	\$50	\$15,500

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
6	5491	Inland Lot No. 5491, Adj. to Inland Lot No. 5490, North Point.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	40,000	\$50	\$15,500

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
7	5492	Inland Lot No. 5492, Adj. to Inland Lot No. 5491, North Point.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	40,000	\$50	\$15,500

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
8	5493	Inland Lot No. 5493, Adj. to Inland Lot No. 5492, North Point.	N. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	40,000	\$50	\$15,500

INSURANCE CLAIM

Hearing Of Suit Against China Underwriters

Suggestions that some of the items in the order books were altered to tally with the sale price, were made by Counsel for the defence at the Supreme Court yesterday, when the hearing of the insurance claim against China Underwriters, Ltd., was continued before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor.

Plaintiffs are the Cheong Sing Hong firm, and they claim \$30,000.23 from defendants, being the rateable proportion to be borne for the loss of a quantity of sugar-food through a fire in January, 1938.

The case is a test one in which several insurance companies are interested.

The defence is that out of the 137 items set out in the claim, 127 are fraudulent, and benefits under the policies are, therefore, forfeited. It is further alleged that some of the goods had been changed at rates higher than the market prices, and that the weight and price book had been altered.

Mr. Eldon Potter, K.C., and Mr. H. C. Macnamara appear for the plaintiffs firm on the instructions of Mr. E. Davidson, of Hastings and Co. The defence are represented by the firm, Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., and Mr. D. J. N. Anderson, instructed by Mr. O. E. C. Marton, of Deacons.

Wong Yun-tong, managing partner of the plaintiff firm, who had already been in the witness-box for almost a week, was further cross-examined by Mr. D'Almada, and he denied that the claim items were put in a figure higher than the market price.

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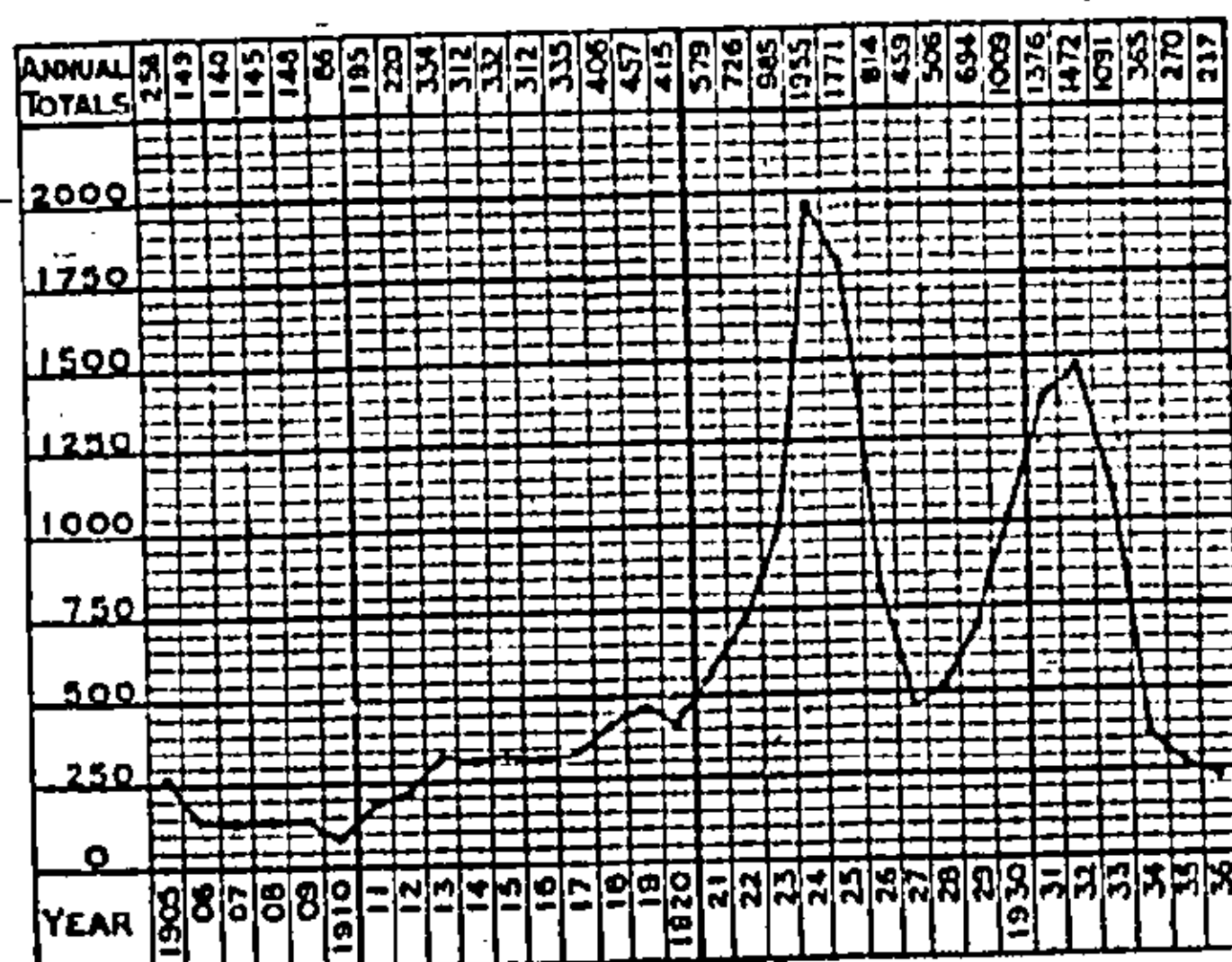


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Air Raids

THIS newspaper respectfully but firmly disagrees with a morning contemporary which attacks as ridiculous the Government's plans for mass evacuation of the population to the New Territories in the event of an emergency. The efficacy of evacuation has been proven beyond all doubt in Spain and in China.

An enemy is not going to waste expensive bombs on refugee camps when there are more fruitful objectives, and the parts of Hongkong that will suffer will be the overcrowded tenement areas on the island and mainland.

Since, as Wing Commander Steele-Perkins admits, there is no method of protecting these tenements from bombers, the obvious course is to empty them.

Our contemporary attacks the plan on the grounds that it cannot be carried into effect unless a fleet of liners is to be employed to convey the island population across the harbour, unless ample food-kitchens are to be available at short notice, and unless an army of robots is to be trained to carry on the work of the Colony. We are in a position to reveal that a fleet—not of liners but of launches and other smaller ships—is available to carry civilians across the harbour at a moment's notice, and that plans have been prepared for over twelve months for setting up camps and food kitchens to care for refugees. Finally, the Government plans do not envisage a complete evacuation of population, but an evacuation of that part of the population not engaged in essential services.

We believe that, in following the examples of Spain and China in arranging for evacuation in times of emergency, the Government is acting wisely. But at the same time we intend to go on demanding deep shelters and tunnels as the only adequate method of protection for that considerable part of the population which will have to remain in the built-up areas. We know that they are expensive—so is everything connected with defence—but, cheap as human life is sometimes regarded in this world, it is not so cheap that everything possible should not be done to protect it.

We would suggest that some of the refugees who are costing the Government thousands of dollars a day for maintenance could be employed in helping to make the Colony a safe place to live in war-time. It has been said that there is no point in setting an unemployed man to dig a hole in the ground. Well, now there is a point, and an urgent one.

The Harvest

THE BRITISH guarantees for a loan of £10,000,000 by Hongkong and Chinese banks for the purpose of stabilising China's currency, coming so soon on top of the recent Anglo-American credits, indicates that the democracies are no longer prepared to take the Japanese policy of economic exclusion lying down. There is every indication, indeed, that the position in China is rapidly approaching a point that bodes ill for Japan's future ascendancy. In addition to the already-announced aid from Britain and the United States, it seems possible that France will create large credits as a reply to Japan's action in invading Hainan Island, and there are also possibilities that Britain and America have by no means made their final gesture. Japan, in short, is beginning to reap the harvest of a rough-shod policy that has antagonised the nations that count.

MINORCA of the EAST

by
Harry
GREGSON

EMERGING FROM the mists like a giant tortoise with its head buried in the waves, avoided by large ships on account of its reputation for fog and sudden squalls, lies the little known island of Hainan, the occupation of which by the Japanese is a vital threat to British, French and American interests in the Far East.

Yet, although the interior of this mountainous and jungle-covered island, about the size of Belgium, is largely unexplored, it has claims to fame apart from its strategic situation.

IT HAS been referred to as "The Siberia of China," for to Hainan were banished exiles from the Chinese Empire. Among them was one of the earliest experimenters in Socialism Su Tung-Po, now the legendary hero of the inhabitants. Su Tung-Po lived during the reign of Emperor Shen-Tsung. His banishment followed differences with the Prime Minister. In three years, from 1098-1100, this early Socialist pioneer taught the people letters and court dialect and shrines to his memory are found at frequent points in the coastal districts.

In the matter of trial marriages, Hainan preceded the United States by centuries. When a youth casts his eyes on a girl whom he thinks might make a suitable wife, the parents build a bachelor house for their daughter. If the couple get on well together, they are married. If not, they part. It is claimed that marriages in Hainan are very successful.

HAINAN WAS known to Alexander Selkirk, hero of Defoe's "Robinson Crusoe," who called at Yu-Ling Kang, one of the main harbours, on his way home after his years of exile on San Juan Fernandez.

Hainan is also known to the British Navy, which has had many a hard fought encounter with pirates, who preyed on shipping from the rocky lairs of the dangerous coasts.

The existence of the island is first acknowledged in history by the Chinese in the years 245-210 B.C.

About 100 years afterwards, Lu-Po-Teh, the Chinese general, brought a huge force over in junks to subjugate the islanders. He found people totally different from the Chinese. Their eyes were not oblique, their skins were copper-coloured. They had high cheek bones, were almost beardless, and had long black straight hair.

Lu-Po-Teh's men used their swords against the bows and arrows of the aborigines, led by their long eared chief. When the island was conquered, the Chinese divided it into two main provinces—Tan-Urh (or Drooping Ear) in the south, and Chu Yai (or Pearl Shore) in the north.

TO-DAY three distinct races are found in Hainan. They are the Chinese immigrants, civilised aborigines, or Shu-Li, and the wild aborigines in the remote unexplored interior, known as Sheng-Li, totalling in all 2½ millions souls in a land about the size of Belgium.

Kublai Khan reconquered Hainan later, the inhabitants of which have always resisted, especially in the south, Chinese soldiery.

In 1630, a courageous Jesuit priest, Benoit de Mathos, went to the island. He found the natives with curious customs, many of which continue to-day.

"Dry" mourning is the fashion in Hainan. It is "hot done" to cry at a funeral. Sorrow is displayed by swallowing huge quantities of raw meat, the coffin is a hollow tree trunk, and, after the body has been put in, the mourning procession is preceded by a native who strews eggs in its path. When an egg does not break, that is the burial spot.

Father de Mathos also found

blood feuds, which exist also plentifully to-day among the aborigines. Blood feuds descend from father to son. Revenge is a sacred duty.

There are numerous Christian graves on Hainan.

IN 1875 the island was ceded to Portugal, but the Portuguese returned it to China. An island, so frequently visited by earthquakes and with such a dangerous coast, was of little use to them.

Rice, cotton, sugar and indigo are cultivated along the coastal regions and in the north. The island is also noted for a very earthy-flavoured tea, which the inhabitants call "Celestial" tea, and its popular cattle, among them albino buffaloes.

It will be something new for the inhabitants to handle bags of cement for the Japanese. The invaders are reported to have conscripted all civilians and to have begun building large aerodromes.

A PERMANENT Japanese occupation of Hainan would constitute a permanent threat to Hongkong, French Indo-China and trade routes to Australia and the Far East.

Indeed, because of its strategic situation, it has been termed the "Minorca of the Far East," and like Minorca's Port Mahon, Hainan has an excellent naval harbour, Yu-Ling Kang, which was used by the Russian Imperial Fleet on its way to fight the Japanese fleet.

All the principal centres of French Indo-China are dominated completely from Hainan. It is only 260 miles from Hanoi, 480 from Saigon and 500 from the new French naval base of Camran Bay.

JAPANESE AIR bases on Hainan would bring Hongkong, Manila and Singapore within reach of bombers, while, as a submarine base, Hainan could scarcely be excelled for our Far Eastern trade routes.

So important is the island to the security of French Indo-China that China agreed with France in 1897 never to cede the island to a third Power, and Britain has repeatedly last year warned Japan that occupation of Hainan by Japanese forces could give rise to undesirable complications.

Hainan is the latest pawn in the Japanese effort to obtain non-intervention in China by the Western Powers. With a "Japanese" Hainan, Japan can

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CREDITS



TILLIE TAKES A LETTER

by
N. B. W.

THIS RAW AND misty morning Tillie, as she skims the broad and whitened steps of the V.B., has something of the aspect of a slightly enraged kitten, her rounded little chin sunk into the cosy depths of her fur, dark blue eyes smouldering.

Tillie's maternal desire to scratch and bite has been fired by the appearance upon an already overburdened wall of another couple of glaring but plaintively worded entreaties from the management, the silkiness of which does not by any manner of means deceive:

"Will residents please . . ."

"Members are again reminded that . . ."

POSSIBLY TILLIE'S conscience pricks as regards the use of current (toast can be made by various clandestine methods). Anyhow, her equilibrium has been entirely unbalanced by a scrambled breakfast, itself necessitated by the customary nerve-exhaust-

more easily exert pressure on France to cease munitions traffic on the Tonkin-Yunnan railway between French Indo-China and China.

JAPAN HAS given an assurance, the sincerity of which is negated by outspoken statements by her military leaders, that the occupation of Hainan is not permanent.

But the fate of this Minorca the Far East seems likely to depend, like Minorca nearer Britain, on what effective action Britain and France, with possibly the United States, can take to remove a dire threat to their interests.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Don't you and it awfully monotonous doing nothing in school all day?"

ing manoeuvring for a chance at a bathroom.

But she trips off, dangerously inert to the needs of passing traffic, down the hill and offwards.

Up in the lift she goes, with a pleasant "Good Morning" to the skinnily little operator, even, her temporarily folio mood sweetens before the wide and implish grin of the sloppily-uniformed little mannikin.

"Hallo, lassies and lads! Anybody here?"

"No, Til, Jimmie's not here and Panto won't be—come to Macco-pones, I bet—can't be refugees."

"Oke!" and she disappears into the attenuated dressingroom, flings off her outside gear, dabs a pert and upturned nose; and so to work.

Off with a clatter comes the cover of the Underwood. Yesterday's dust is perfunctorily blown off.

She gazes disconsolately at the filing basket.

"Just as soon as I get these things spread out all over the place, somebody will want something, you'll see."

"Well, they've got to be done, let's do them together."

The two girls proceed amicably to sort their letters into order, inconspicuously chatting—and this manoeuvre required a considerable average of elbowroom.

"Bz-Bz!"

"There! I told you so, Doris, is it for you or for me? MB!"

"All right, Til, I'll get on with it and scarce interferences away."

"Tillie-a-lin!"

"Hullo! Eddystone speaking. No, sorry can't be done. Sorry. Love to the Missus. What? Right—o."

"Where did we get to? Better read it please."

Tillie does so, disentangling and diplomatically omitting the various interjections. She has been endeavouring to recall the pedantic admonition of the "efficiency" experts—

"Always appear interested in the subject at hand" (is she expected to take an interest in these semi-confidential, family affairs?) "Don't stare vacantly out of a window when a hiatus occurs in the dictation."

What is a girl to do?

"Thank! Um-eh!"

"Come to terms with the local company with regard to the fitting up of the new factory, full stop. You will remember (but he doesn't) that the latest report stated—better

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Aircraft Production Shows 400 Per Cent. Increase Since 1938

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FACTS FOR

A general meeting of the Hong Kong Aquarium Society will be held on Tuesday, March 14 at 7.30 p.m. The meeting will take place at Bank of East Asia Building 3rd floor, 100, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Building, 100, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Building, 100, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation Building.

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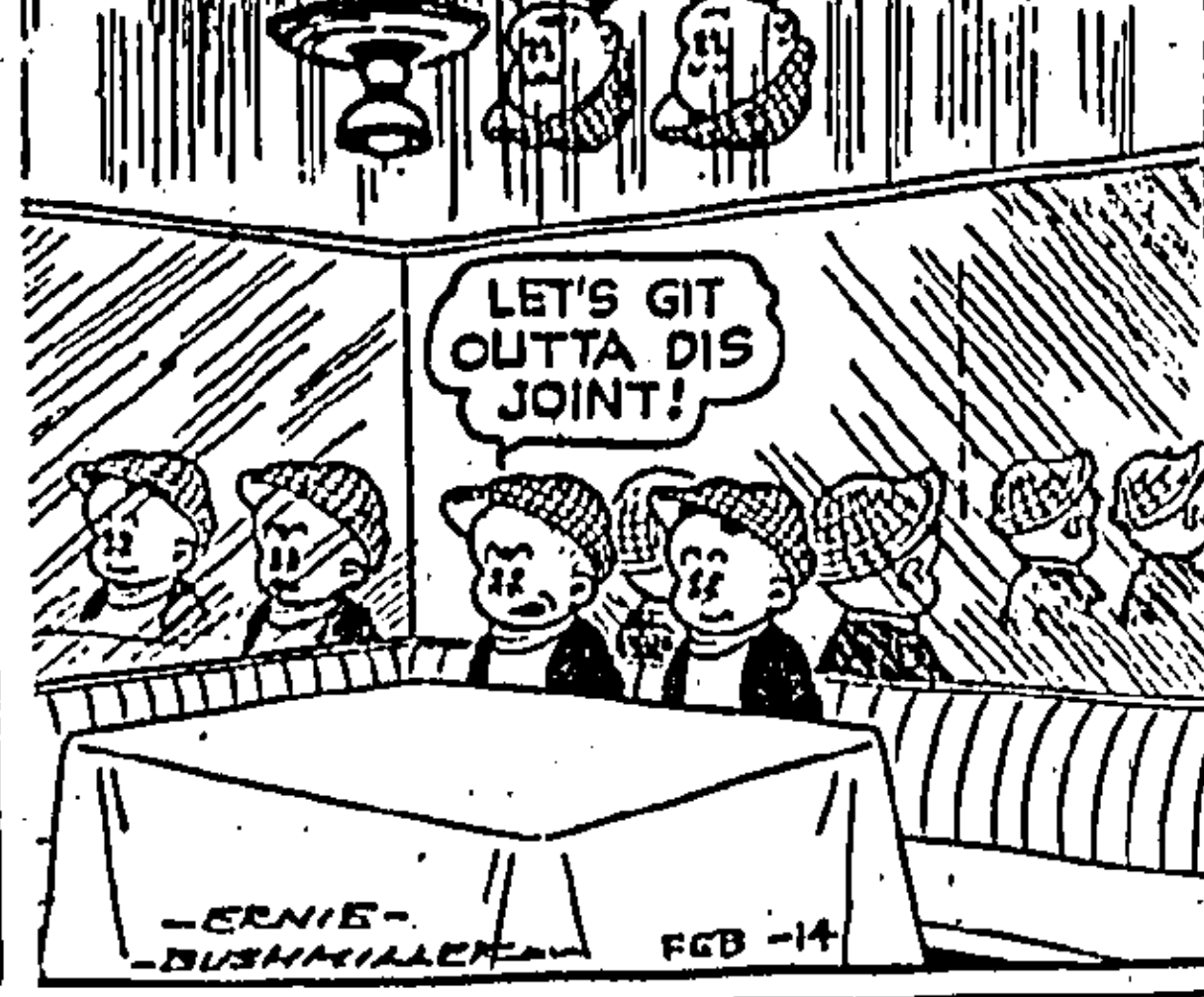
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Good Entries Received For Fanling Meet

Governor's Cup The Main Race Of Day

(By "Captain Foster")

The penultimate meeting of the Fanling Hunt and Race Club, to be held at Kwanti on Sunday, has drawn very satisfactory entries. The major contest is the Governor's Cup, which is a hurdle race for China ponies, bona-fide hunters, and the winner of this main bout will receive a cup presented by His Excellency the Governor, who together with Lady Northcote will attend the meeting.

For the convenience of the racing the fact that starters must be de-public there will be a special train from the forms provided in the public at 1.00 p.m., to Fanling and return to the Race Club before 2.15 o'clock at 1.30 p.m., to Kowloon. The Rail for the first race and for all sub-sequent races will be 1.30 p.m. to Kowloon. The Rail for the first race and for all sub-sequent races will be 1.30 p.m. to Kowloon. The Rail for the first race and for all sub-sequent races will be 1.30 p.m. to Kowloon.

"Capt. Foster" Reviews Prospects Of Each Race

THE opening event will be the Lo Wu Handicap, which is a hurdle race for China ponies over 1 1/4 miles. Ebony Idol, the winner of this year's Grand National, has been set with the highest impost of 160 lbs. while Diogenes and Zero have been treated with liberal allowances. There is no denying that Ebony Idol is the best chaser, but with due respect to his capability I fancy Zero will turn the tables as the distance of the jump is shorter by half a mile than that they clashed in the Fanling Grand National. Diogenes is also to be considered, for in the Taipo Handicap over 1 1/4 miles, run on Boxing Day, this blackie belonging to Mr. M. H. Turner gave Lt.-Col. Dowbiggin's candidate a good wallop. However, a good race is assured.

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SELECTIONS BY "CAPT. FOSTER"

LO WU HANDICAP

Zero
Ebony Idol
Diogenes

MELBOURNE CUP

Teviotdale
Spark Plug
Glorious Star

GOVERNOR'S CUP

March Brown
Mortmain
Clowney

NEWCOMERS' PLATE

Avalon
Alpha
Pall Mall

OLDTIMERS' HANDICAP

Royal Highness
Plain View
Gold Sovereign

a good few unplaced China ponies, subscription grills of this season, have been nominated for the New-comers' Plate and it is a sprint over half mile. There are 13 entries, none of them having been placed at the Annual Race Meeting and spotting the winner is not an easy job. However Alpha, Avalon and Pall Mall are about the best among this lot. Tiger Eyes is recommended for big money.

THE Oldtimers' Handicap, which is a flat race over a mile for China ponies classified as "D" class, has attracted ten Happy Valley runners. I have been trying my level best to "get a line" on all the ponies entered for this event, but I much regret that I had to give up the search as a hopeless task, and I therefore strongly recommend punters to follow the ranking list of the handicapper. Royal Highness holds the post of honour with 138 lbs. and the mare is followed by Plain View who has to carry only 155 lbs. In my estimation Gold Sovereign is nicely weighted with an allowance of 10 lbs. under the scale weight of 14.1 ponies, but Good Morning looks tempting at 145 lbs. and furthermore he ran a good second in his last outing at Kwanti. Tribute must weigh out with blinkers and in the circumstances one never knows when he will be in earnest of making up his mind to run. \$5 each way is not a bad gamble.

THE last contest on the card will be a scurry (unofficial) over four furlongs for China ponies that have started at this meeting and not won. "D" class riders are barred. Readers must therefore use their own discretion owing to post entries. My selections for the first five events are as follows:



"Are there any more at home like you?" sighs Herbert Marshall to his favourite musical entertainer, Claudette Colbert, in "Zaza" their new picture, opening on Saturday at the Queen's and Alhambra Theatres. "No, not like me," answers the mischievous Claudette, who plays the famed turn-of-the-century heart-breaker in the lavish Paramount production.

Golf Starting Times At Fanling

The following are the starting times at Fanling during the week-end:

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

2.00 H. G. Sheldon, I. H. Geare.
2.04 J. G. Cotterworth, B. J. Morahan.
2.08 L. C. F. Bellamy, J. Foster.
2.12 F. Tanworth, J. B. Mackie.
2.16 C. C. Black, General Sutton.
2.40 W. Bell, T. G. Day.

SUNDAY

9.10 E. H. Williams, R. R. de Lisching.
9.20 D. Forbes, R. Young.
9.24 D. D. Forbes, R. Young.
9.28 D. D. Forbes, R. Young.
9.32 A. F. Lissaman, F. Groves.
9.36 A. F. Lissaman, F. Groves.
9.40 A. F. Lissaman, F. Groves.
9.44 A. N. and Q. A. A. Macfarlane.
9.48 D. D. Forbes, R. Young.
9.52 D. D. Forbes, R. Young.
9.56 D. D. Forbes, R. Young.
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11.00 D. D. Forbes, R. Young.

Czechs Win Table Tennis Championships

Cairo, Mar. 9. Czechoslovakia won the Swaythling Cup for men's national teams at the World's Table Tennis Championships held here, being undefeated.

Yugoslavia was second with one defeat and England third with two defeats.

Eleven countries competed, these being England, France, Rumania, Yugoslavia, Greece, India, Palestine, Lithuania, Czechoslovakia, Egypt and Luxembourg.

Hungary, winner of the 1938 championships, did not defend her title.—Trans-Ocean.

Huddersfield Win F. A. Replay

London, Mar. 9. In the F. A. Cup replay to-day, Huddersfield, playing away, defeated Blackburn R. by two goals to one. Botham, also playing away, beat Hull by 2-0 in the northern section of the Third Division League.—Reuter.

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ATTACHE CASE LOST

Lt.-Col. J. N. N. Synnott, R.N., of H.M.S. Birmingham, has reported that he lost an attaché case containing books and papers while travelling between Hart Avenue and the Kowloon Ferry Wharf on Wednesday.

OUR SPELLING BEE (see page 7) tomorrow—stingent—pontifical—pondit—stucco—asperagus

Indian Players For Macao

The following have been chosen to represent the All-India team in a friendly hockey match against Macao at Macao on Sunday, March 12, at 3.30 p.m.

Gusein Singh (Kumaon Rifles), Datta Ram (Rajputana Rifles), M. R. Malik (C.I.T.C.), M. H. Hassan (Rifle), Gulam Rasool (Rajputana Rifles), Lal Singh (Kumaon Rifles), H. C. Shah Wali (Rajputana Rifles), C. Singh (Rajputana Rifles), I. Pritam Nath (Rajputana Rifles), Capt. Pyare Singh (Rajputana Rifles), Narsin Singh (Kumaon Rifles), and Partab Singh (Kumaon Rifles).

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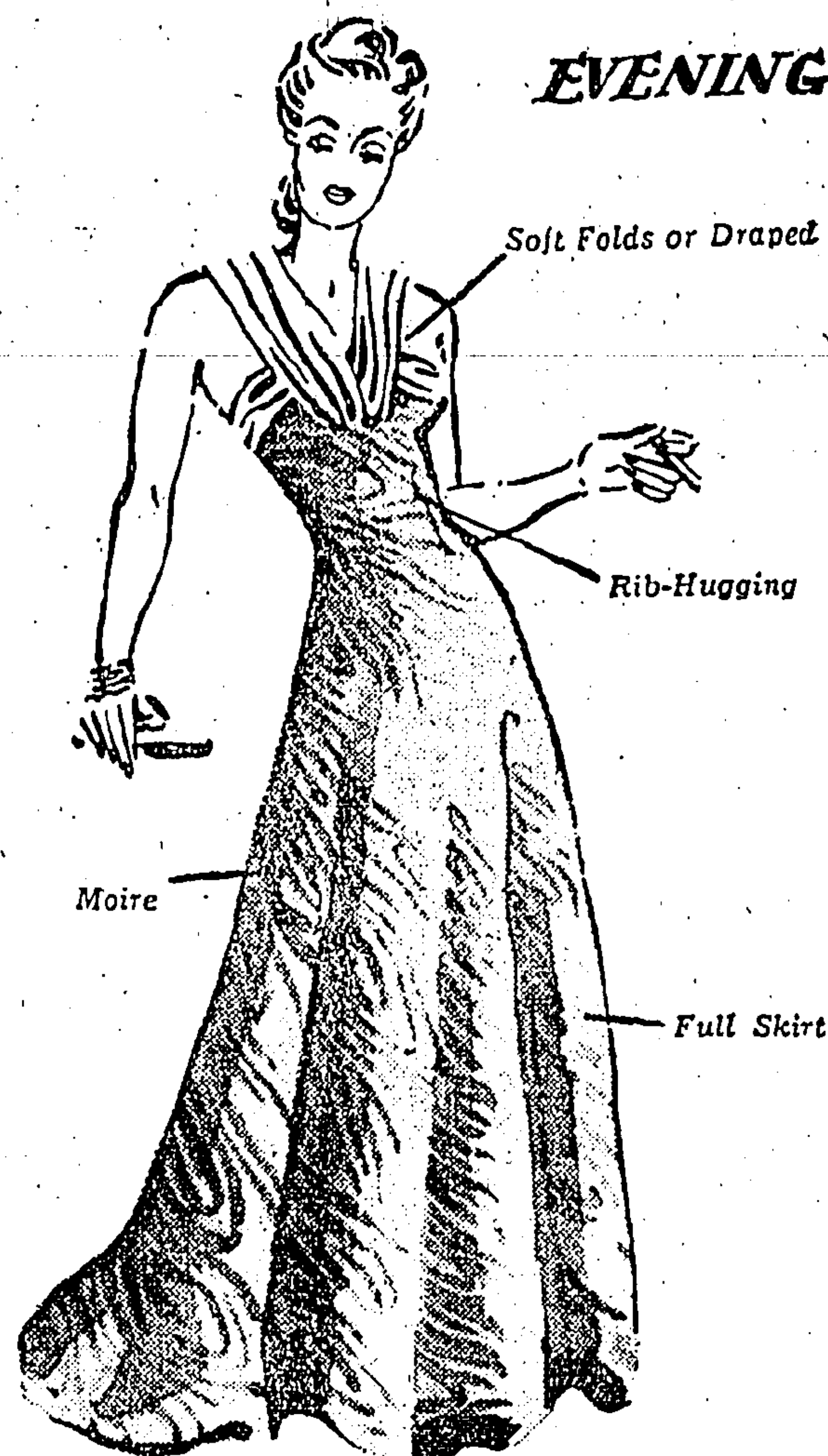
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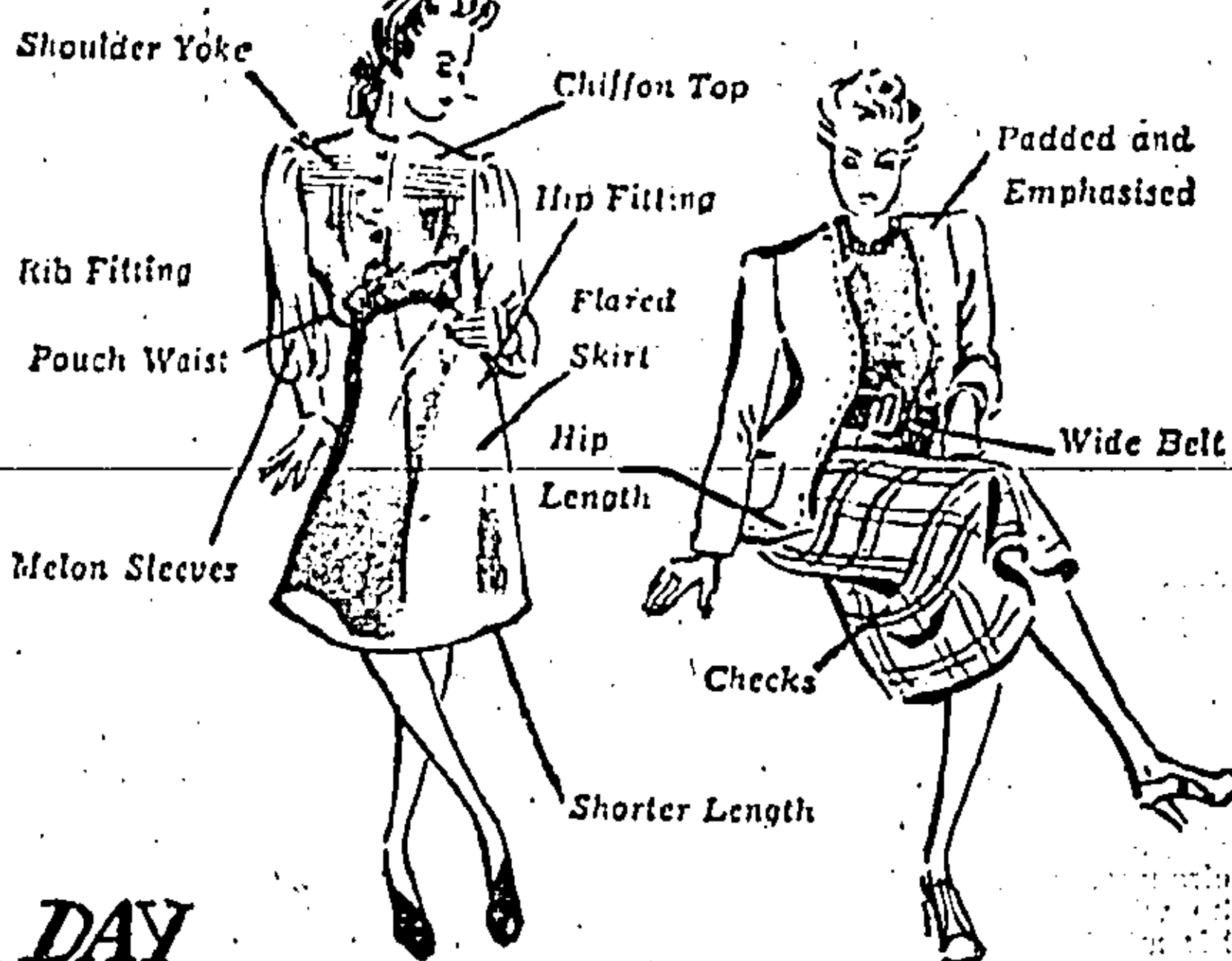
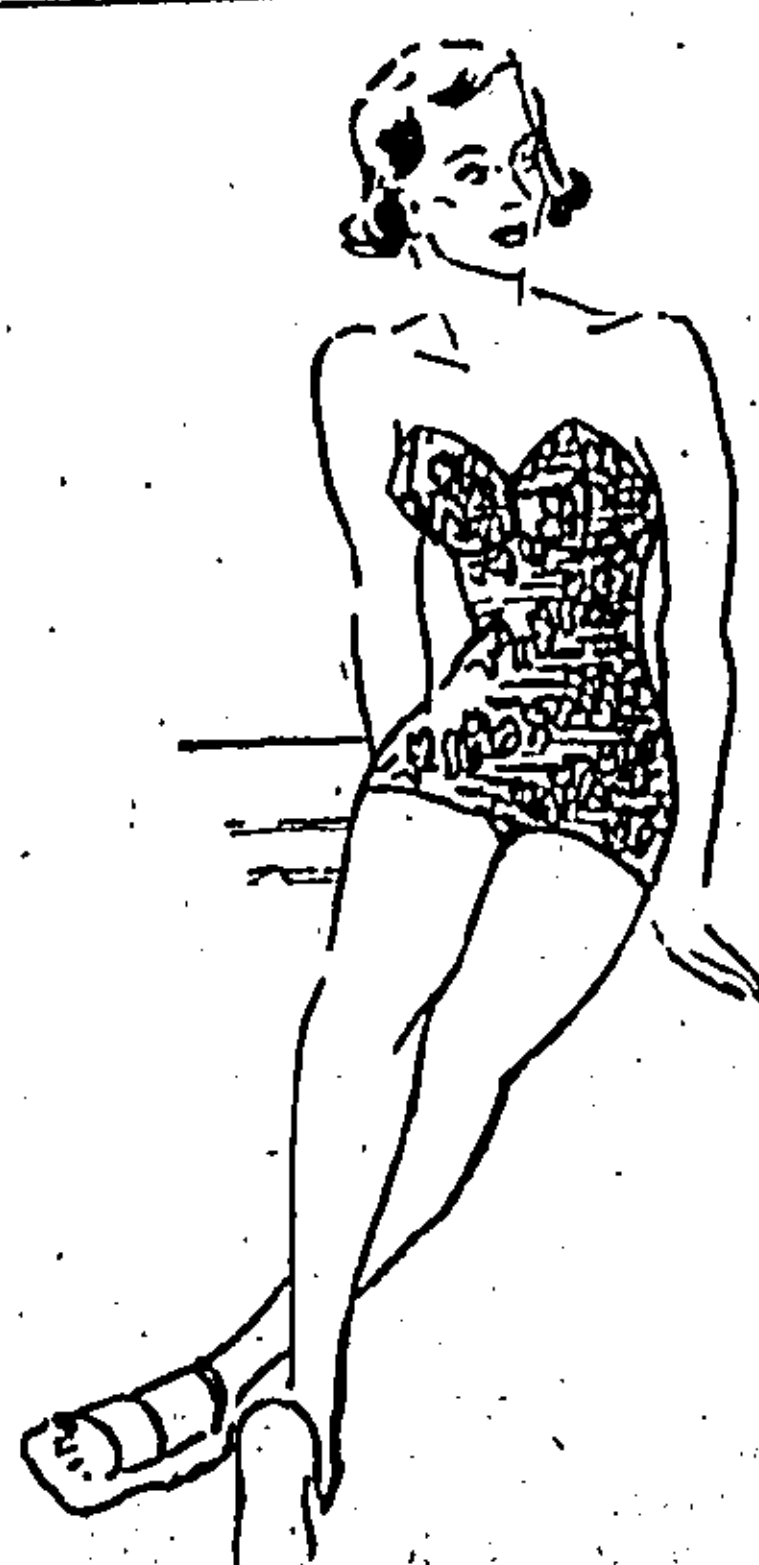
Here are some points to watch—See that your pillow—ones fit well. Pillows nearly always feel limp and uncomfortable in a too-loose case, and hard in a tight one. Measure the pillows before buying their new cases.

When a pillow begins to wear thin, shake the feathers down a bit and stretch the ticking across one end to make the pillow smaller. Then trim away the superfluous ticking, and neaten the seam.

If feathers begin to ooze through the ticking it is time you made another cover. You can put a new ticking over the old. This will give your pillow a new lease of life. The ideal "beauty" pillow is firm and just shoulder thick. A soft pillow, into which the head sinks deeply, is a trap for double chins! When you want to arrange the pillows comfortably at an invalid's back always pile them flat on top of each other, so that she rests against the edges. Pillows arranged against curl round at the ends, and constantly need adjusting.

Most people who have to sit up in bed for any length of time know what a comfort a pillow under the knees can be. The best way to arrange it is to roll the pillow in a sheet and tuck the sheet ends firmly under the mattress, to prevent it slipping.

A foot pillow inserted in the same way will prevent the invalid from gradually slipping down in the bed.



DAY

The Revival Of Smocking

WITH the present revival of period fashions, the old-time smocking, beloved by our grandmothers, has come back into favour. It is seen this season on many frocks, blouses, coats, children's garments, and it is also used in the furnishing world as a means of decoration for curtains, cushion covers, and similar soft furnishings.

Short muslin or silk curtains look very attractive with smocked headings worked in dainty shades of red and blue, green or yellow, and a charming finish for silk bolster cushions is to have the fullness gathered into bands of smocking. The neck and puff sleeves, are very popular this year, so are blouses of crepe-de-chine, smocked round the circular neck, waist, and sleeves. Satin evening gowns, with tiny puff sleeves, or miniature shoulder capes have the shoulders smocked with heavy silk, lending with the frock.

Many of the latest afternoon frocks have deep hip yokes and shoulders smocked with silk, either to match, or in contrasting shades. These are novel and attractive, though, of course, only suitable for slim figures.

For small girls, the little smocked frocks that were popular when Queen Victoria was on the throne are very fashionable again. These smocked

Full-Skirted Frocks

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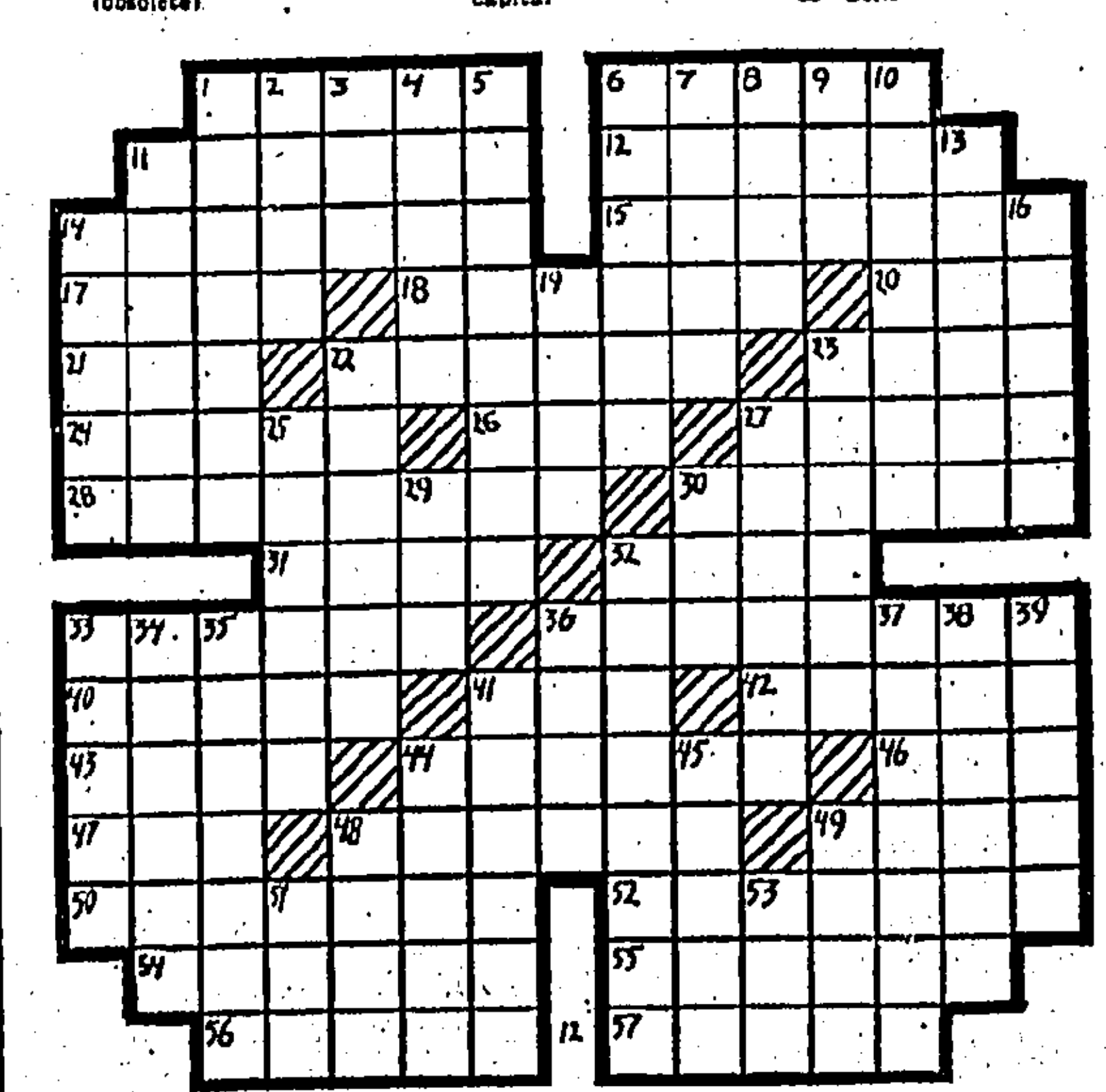


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ACROSS	ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE	DOWN
1—Member of vegetable kingdom	GOAL KEEPER	4—African native
2—Quipper with solar property (law)	ICEBERG	5—Solid dye
3—Keypiece tool	ICEBERG	6—Common rhyming
4—Crucible	ICEBERG	7—Plant shoot used in wicker-work
5—Kneaded people	ICEBERG	8—Sage
6—More (adjective)	ICEBERG	9—Autumnal
7—Building beam	ICEBERG	10—Hermitean closed
8—House of wood	ICEBERG	11—Articulate sound
9—Unclose (poetic)	ICEBERG	12—No longer, new
10—Deer's bone	ICEBERG	13—Scribe or many phases
11—Ballet (Spanish)	ICEBERG	14—Electric wall plug
12—Polish version	ICEBERG	15—Lizard
13—Law	ICEBERG	16—Followed behind
14—Outer layer of terminal membrane	ICEBERG	17—Eye
15—Draw back	ICEBERG	18—Discrete map
16—Source of wood	ICEBERG	19—Furthest away
17—Are full of fumes	ICEBERG	20—Faded
18—Name of famous Roman road	ICEBERG	21—Loosed attentively
19—Artistic motif	ICEBERG	22—Low wall on roof edge
20—Boothling state	ICEBERG	23—Artificial mound
21—That man	ICEBERG	24—Ancient Roman magistrate
22—Musical exercise	ICEBERG	25—Stop
23—A title	ICEBERG	26—Girl's name
24—Form over again	ICEBERG	27—Take measure
25—Form of glove	ICEBERG	28—Slowly (music)
26—Name of dance	ICEBERG	29—Extraneous action (col.)
27—Take out	ICEBERG	30—Tiny thing
28—Heard of burden	ICEBERG	31—College yell
29—Take away from	ICEBERG	32—Clue
30—One who sings (sobriety)	ICEBERG	



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HONGKONG S.P.C. WELFARE CENTRES



A section of the Lien Yuet Sien Creche in Clarence Terrace, West Point, which is doing splendid work for poor Chinese children. The Creche, which has accommodation for 50 infants, is run by the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children.—Staff Photographer.



Part of the play pen in the Lien Yuet Sien Creche, Clarence Terrace. The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children maintains two trained nurses at the creche and there are two honorary visiting doctors.—Staff Photographer.



A few of the cots at the Lien Yuet Sien Creche in Clarence Terrace. Maintained by the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, this is the only creche of its kind in the Colony.—Staff Photographer.



Chinese mothers photographed feeding their children at the Pokfulam Road welfare centre maintained by the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children. Daily meals are dispensed at this centre.—Staff Photographer.

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ABOVE LEFT: One of the many youngsters who is cared for at the Lien Yuet Sien Creche. The Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children have two other welfare centres in Kowloon and one in Wanchai.

ABOVE: This photograph was taken at the Pokfulam Road welfare centre. Last month, the average income of cases dealt with by the Society was 86 cents per head.

LEFT: At the Pokfulam Road welfare centre. An average of 150 mothers are dealt with daily at this centre. Many cases which come before the Society have no incomes whatever being absolutely destitute.

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H.K. Docks 1715
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Coco Groves 44
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Demonstrations 13
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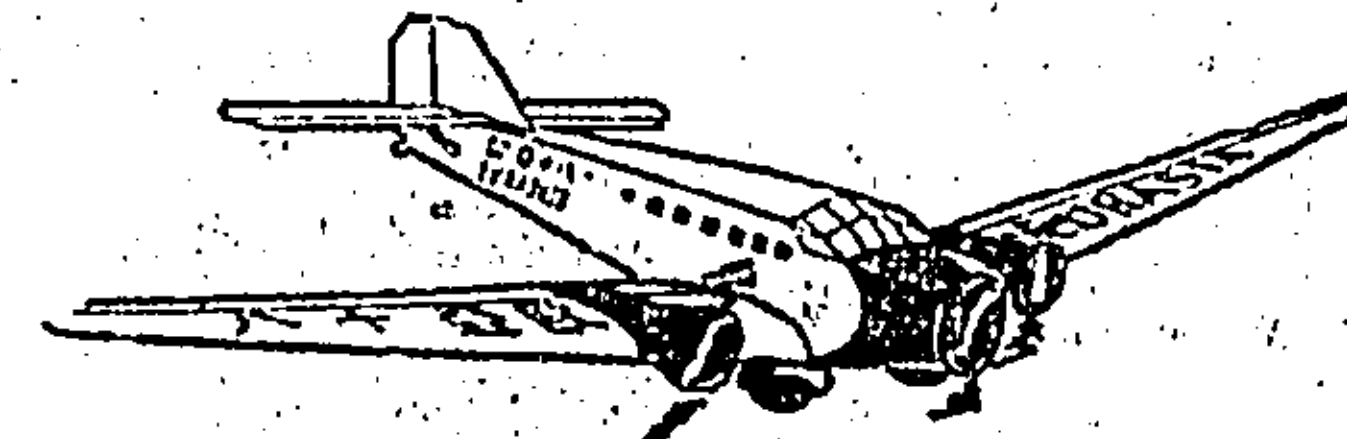
The Hongkong Stock Exchange
official summary issued at 3.30 p.m.
yesterday, says:
The turnover was again rather
small, but on the whole quotations
are well maintained.

Buyers
Hongkong Banks 11.355
Canton Insurance 222
Union Insurance 247 1/2
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LATE NEWS

China Asylum For The Jews

"Reuter" reports from Chungking that the Chinese Government is giving serious consideration to proposals for providing asylum in China for Jewish refugees. Originally H. H. Kung, Finance Minister, proposed establishment of Jewish settlement on Hainan Island but proposal must now be abandoned in view of Japanese operations there.

South-west provinces of Yunnan, Kweichow, Sikong and Szechuan are now suggested.

'Miss Pokerface' Champion

SMILING Jean Nicoll, sixteen-year-old junior lawn tennis champion, won the women's (able) tennis championship at Wembley recently.

"Little Miss Pokerface" as she is called, beat Miss Dora Emdin in the final after these two English girls had conquered the foreign challengers for the title.

FIRST TO WIN

This little, iron-nerved Harrow girl is the first player ever to win the English senior and junior table tennis titles in the one year. This was the first time that she has entered, and she is the youngest player ever to win the title.

Dora Emdin took the first game at 21-19, Jean the next at 21-15, lost the next 20-22, and won the fourth 21-16. Dora, keener, harder-hitting, pressed the advantage, but little Jean fought as she has never fought before.

IT WAS GRAND

Afterwards Jean said: "I enjoyed it, every minute. I can't just quite realise it yet. It has been a grand game."

Richard Bergmann, of Austria, defeated B. Vana, the Czechoslovakian world singles champion, in a thrilling non-stop five-games set. Bergmann, usually a defensive player, hit like fury, while Vana, like a jack-in-the-box, retrieved everything.

They went hit for hit for the best part of an hour till Vana cracked. Bergmann, 14-13 down in the final game, took eight points in a row, for the match.

In the men's doubles G. V. Barna and L. Vana and V. Tereba (Czechoslovakia) 19-21, 8-21, 21-12, 21-19, 21-15.

London

Bomb Found On Railway Track

The timely discovery of a bomb on the railway lines in the London suburb of Sarsden, about 50 yards off an iron viaduct, prevented a new outrage by terrorists yesterday. The bomb was fitted with a time fuse and, if it had exploded, it would have destroyed not only the lines but also the electric cables of two power stations in the vicinity.

Last evening's papers did not mention this latest attempt, probably in order not to frighten passengers using this line which is usually overcrowded in the evening hours. Special police from Scotland Yard have been busy combing the London districts chiefly inhabited by Irish people for traces of the perpetrators.

Watson & Co. Report

The General Managers and the Directors of A. S. Watson & Co. Limited report that the balance at credit of Profit and Loss Account at October 31, 1938, for the year under review, after providing for all bad and doubtful debts, allowing for depreciation of Aerated Water and other Machinery and Plant, Motor Transport, Furniture, Fittings and Trade Utensils, &c., amounts to \$318,027.95, to which has to be added the balance brought forward from last year (\$75,202.85) leaving available for appropriation a total of \$393,230.80.

It is proposed to allocate this amount as follows:

To pay a dividend of 80 cents per share, absorbing \$120,000.00.

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To transfer to General Reserve Account \$100,000.00.

To create a Special Reserve against Outstanding Accounts in China \$50,000.00.

To transfer to Chinese Staff Superannuation Account \$10,000.00.

To write off Building Improvements \$1,002.50.

Carry Forward to next Account \$81,946.30.

Flying Boat Damage

Imperial Airways flying boat's passengers, mail arrive Singapore by to-morrow's regular air service, states "Reuter." Carpentaria damaged starboard wing, aileron and float.

Japan Cancels Sport Tour

Japan has decided not to participate in any European rowing meets, owing to China hostilities, and has cancelled arrangements for sending crews to Henley Regatta, says "Reuter."

Japan Feeling The Pinch

"Reuter" reports leading Japanese banks have decided to restrict loans for speculative operations on general commodities, in addition to raw silk and silk textiles, in order to curb "recent unreasonable soaring of general commodity prices and to check inflationary tendencies."

Ice Defeat Japanese

Japanese troops at Lungmenshan, on east bank of Yellow River, attempted cross river on March 6, but found ice too thin for passage, "Reuter" reports.

Volunteers Cricket XI

Following will represent Volunteers vs. Royal Navy at King's Park on Sunday at 11 a.m.:

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EMPIRE DEFENCE

Conference Called By New Zealand

Wellington, Mar. 9.

The Prime Minister, Mr. Michael Savage, has confirmed that Great Britain, Australia and New Zealand will hold a defence conference.

Mr. Savage stated that the conference will be called by New Zealand.

band who has been pressing for it for some time—Reuter.

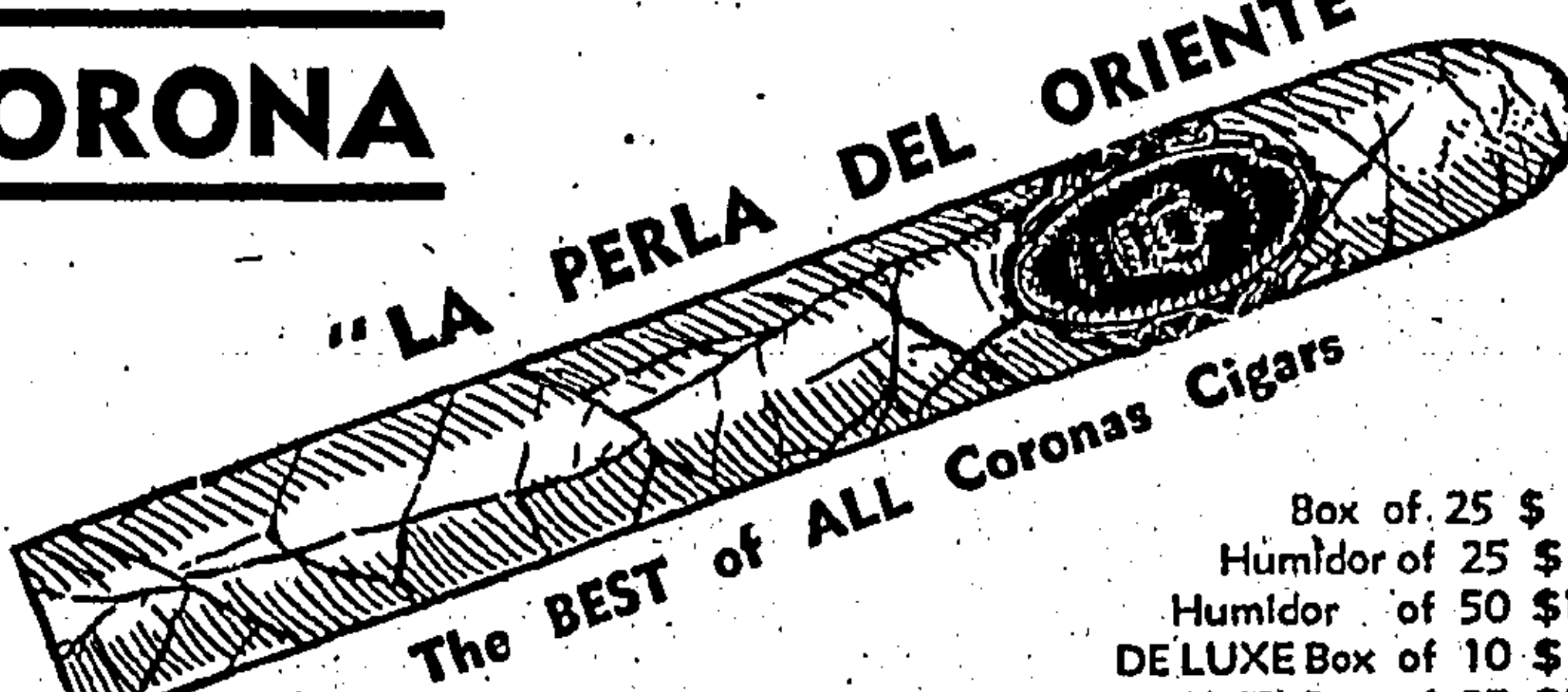
Pacific Defence

Wellington, Mar. 9.

The Premier of New Zealand, Mr. M. J. Savage, declared to-day that a defence conference, attended by representatives of Britain, New Zealand and Australia, will be held very soon—Reuter. Bulletin.

Trans-Ocean.

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